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THE

SYNOD OF NEW-YORK

A. D. 1883.

The Synod of New York met, agreeably to appointment, in the Madison Square Church, New-York City, on Tuesday, the 16th day of October, A. D. 1883, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Howard Crosby, of the Presbytery of New-York, on Ephesians iv: 12, "For the edifying of the body of Christ."

After the sermon, the Synod was constituted with prayer.

The roll was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present:

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Ruling Elders.*
Timothy D. P. Stone, (2),		
Peter Stryker,	Saratoga Springs, First,	Augustus H. Pearsall.
Webster W. Belden,	Hamilton Union.	
James N. Crocker.		
Edward Stratton,	Greenbush.	
John McC. Holmes,	Albany, State Street,	Edward P. Durant.
David M. Reeves,	Johnstown,	Charles O. Cross.
Alexander Rankin,	Rockwell's Falls.	
Alphonso R. Olney,	Ballston Spa.	
George Alexander,	Schenectady, East Ave.,	James W. Mairs.
	Albany, Second,	George R. Meneely.
Clarence W. Backus.		
Timothy G. Darling, (2),	Schenectady, First.	

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Ruling Elders.*
	Albany, Fourth,	Samuel Anable, (2).
Horace C. Stanton,	Albany, Third.	
William R. Terrett,	Saratoga Springs, Second,	Edward D. Selden.
	West Galway,	James Calderwood, (2).
Isaac O. Rankin,	Kingsboro.	
Henry A. Lewis,	Ballston Centre.	
Charles G. Matteson, (2),	West Troy.	
Samuel R. Warrender,	Conklingville.	
Raymond H. Stearns,	Charlton.	
	Mariaville,	James M. Lasher.
	Princetown,	Walter Bradshaw.
	Gloversville,	Willard J. Heacock, (2).

II. PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON.

Julius S. Pattengill,	Windsor.	
Sabin McKinney.		
Isaac G. Ogden,	Nineveh,	Abel Stowell.
Samuel Dunham,	Binghamton, West,	George W. Burbank.
	Binghamton, First,	Franklin Edgerton, (2).
William H. Gill,	Owego.	
	Cortland,	Adolphus F. Tanner.
Charles S. Dewing,	Union.	
Stephen G. Hopkins, (2),	Deposit.	
Edward W. Lake,	Whitney's Point.	
William A. Beecher,	Conklin.	

III. PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON.

John P. Watson.		
Charles C. Wallace,	Newburyport, First.	
Robert Court,	Lowell.	
Peter M. Macdonald,	Boston, Springfield Street.	
Henry Martin Kellogg.		
Robert D. Sproull, (2),	Providence, R. I.	
	Boston, First,	Stephen Brown.
	Boston, South,	Robert Gilchrist, (2).

IV. PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN.

Benjamin B. Drake, (2).		
J. Abeel Baldwin.		
Theodore L. Cuyler, (3),	Brooklyn, Lafayette Ave.,	Daniel W. Fish.
Charles Wood.		
John D. Wells,	Brooklyn, South Third Street,	Davis S. Giffing.
J. Glentworth Butler, (2).		

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Ruling Elders.*
Charles H. Taylor,	Brooklyn, Green Point,	John A. Jenkins.
Benjamin Parsons.		
T. DeWitt Talmage, (2),	Brooklyn, Tabernacle.	
Samuel P. Halsey, (2).		
James M. Ludlow, (2),	Brooklyn, Westminster,	James D. Lawrence.
George M. McCampbell, (2),	Edgewater, First.	
Arthur Crosby.		
Archibald McCullagh, (3),	Brooklyn, Ross Street.	
Lewis R. Foote,	Brooklyn, Throop Ave.,	Russell W. McKee.
	Brooklyn, Memorial,	James Cruikshank.
Joseph G. Williamson, Jr., (2),	Brooklyn, Ainslie Street.	
Leander T. Chamberlain, (2),	Brooklyn, Classon Ave.,	Horace Graves.

V. PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO.

Frederick W. Brauns.		
T. Ralston Smith,	Buffalo, Westminster,	Stephen M. Clement.
William Waith,	Lancaster.	
Chalon Burgess,	Silver Creek,	Melvin Montgomery.
Henry Ward,	Buffalo, East,	Henry Thomas.
William S. Hubbell, (3),	Buffalo, North.	
James McLeod,	Buffalo, Central,	Joseph B. Sweet.
Martin D. Kneeland,	Fredonia,	Theodore S. Hubbard.
Rufus S. Green,	Buffalo, Lafayette Street,	George R. Stearns.
Morton F. Trippe,	United Mission.	
William L. Austin,	Dunkirk.	
Giles H. Dunning,	Buffalo, Breckenridge Street.	

VI. PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA.

Ezra A. Huntington.		
Samuel M. Hopkins.		
Ova H. Seymour,	Port Byron.	
	Weedsport,	William J. Donovan.
Wallace B. Lucas,	Meridian,	Gerrit L. Van Doren.
Alfred E. Myers,	Owasco.	
	Genoa, Second,	Phineas B. Young.
	Auburn, Central,	Elijah R. Page.
Charles T. Burnley,	Sennett.	
	Ithaca,	John C. Stowell.

VII. PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN.

Chandler N. Thomas,	Port Henry.
Joseph Gamble,	Plattsburgh.
Henry H. Lipes,	Mineville.

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Ruling Elders.*
Augustus Frederick,	Essex,	Edward P. Morse.
	Champlain,	Martin V. B. Stetson.
Donald Macdougall,	Ausable Forks and Black Brook.	

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG.

Alexander O. Peloubet,	Mecklenburgh,	Hezekiah S. Berry.
Franklin S. Howe,	Burdett.	
Charles C. Carr,	Horse Heads.	
Augustus W. Cowles, (2).		
Darius D. Lindsley, (3),	Elmira, Franklin Street.	
	Havana,	Edwin Weller.
George D. Meigs,	Watkins,	Henry M. Hillerman.
Stanley D. Jewell,	Big Flats,	John M. Burt.
James B. Umberger,	Spencer.	
William H. Tracy,	Dundee.	
	Elmira, First,	Stephen Rose.

IX. PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.

Elias L. Boing,	Durham, First,	Dwight P. Hull.
Robert H. Wilkinson,	Hunter.	
George C. Yeisley, (2),	Hudson.	

X. PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE.

Edward B. Walsworth.		
Joseph E. Nassau,	Warsaw,	Edwin A. Miller.
Edwin Allen,	Byron.	
William Swan, (2),	Batavia,	Edward C. Walker.
	Perry,	William O. Newcomb.
William W. Totheroh,	Leroy,	William R. Halbert.
E. Wilmot Cummings,	Elba,	Joseph E. Wilford.

XI. PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE VALLEY.

Dwight K. Steele,	Almond.
Charles P. Luce,	Cuba.

XII. PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA.

Benjamin M. Goldsmith,	Bellona.	
Henry A. Nelson,	Geneva, First,	Solomon E. Smith.
Alfred M. Stowe.		

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Ruling Elders.*
Hiram H. Kellogg,	Seneca Castle,	Beekman K. Van Gelder.
J. Wilford Jacks,	Romulus,	George R. Hunt.
Asher B. Temple,	Seneca,	Alexander Turnbull.
Lewis H. Morey,	Seneca Falls.	
John McLachlan,	Waterloo,	James M. Garrison.
	Canoga,	Robert D. Peters.
Willard P. Gibson,	West Fayette.	

XIII. PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON.

	Goshen,	Daniel Carpenter.
Thomas Mack,	Hempstead,	John Helms.
Slator C. Hepburn,	Hamptonburgh,	William B. Vail.
Amasa S. Freeman,	Haverstraw, Central.	
David Beattie, (2),	Scotchtown.	
James C. Forsythe,	Montgomery.	
Alfred P. Botsford,	Port Jervis,	James Mitchell, (2).
James J. McMahon,	Haverstraw, First,	Brewster J. Allison.
John N. Husted,	Liberty.	
Charles W. Cooper,	Centreville.	
Henry A. Harlow.		
Charles H. Park,	Circleville.	
Asahel L. Clark.		
James B. Fisher,	West Town,	Albert A. Seymour.
Charles Beattie, (2),	Middletown, Second.	
Theron Brittain,	Ridgebury,	William W. Wickham.
	Middletown, First,	Daniel Corwin.
John U. Tschudi, (2),	Clarkstown, German.	
John Turner,	Hopewell,	Robert I. Crawford.
Robert H. Craig,	Otisville.	
	Milford,	Ebenezer Warner.
John E. Lloyd,	Nyack,	Seth B. Cole, (2).
	Ramapo,	Henry L. Pierson, Jr.
Thomas C. Straus,	Stony Point,	William H. Rose.
Thomas C. Beattie,	Chester,	Joseph W. Helme.
Lee W. Beattie.		
Robert E. Campbell, (2),	Florida, First,	Asa Howell.
	Goodwill,	Joseph B. Hadden.
Ferdinand Bernhardt, (2),	Jeffersonville, German,	John Heimroth.
	Washingtonville, First,	Oren C. Jaques.

XIV. PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND.

Thomas Harries, (2),	Shelter Island.	
	Westhampton,	Dennis K. Halsey, (2).
Samuel Whaley,	Cutchogue.	

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Ruling Elders.*
Andrew Shiland,	Southampton,	Isaac P. Foster.
Epher Whitaker,	Southold,	Stuart T. Terry.
William B. Lee,	Yaphank.	
Alexander W. Sproull,	Sag Harbor,	Gilbert H. Cooper.
Silas H. Thompson,	Holbrook.	
James B. Finch,	Amagansett.	
Hamilton B. Holmes,	Moriches.	
William H. Littell,	Setauket,	Selah B. Strong.
N. J. Marselus Bogert,	Bellport.	
William S. C. Webster,	Port Jefferson.	
J. Westby Earnshaw,	Greenport,	Schuyler B. Horton.
Frederick E. Allen,	Middletown.	
Arthur Newman,	Bridgehampton,	Henry M. Rose.

XV. PRESBYTERY OF LYONS.

Chauncey Francisco.		
A. Parke Burgess, (2),	Newark.	
Luther A. Ostrander, (2),	Lyons,	George W. Getman.
William A. Rice,	Wolcott, First.	
William H. Bates,	Galen.	
	Sodus,	Lewis H. Clark.
Allan D. Draper,	Wolcott, Second.	
	Palmyra,	Franklin Williams.

XVI. PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU.

Lewis C. Lockwood,	Melville.	
Peter D. Oakey,	Springfield,	William Kirby.
Thomas S. Bradner, (2).		
Samuel T. Carter,	Huntington, First,	Jarvis R. Rolph.
Lewis Lampman,	Jamaica,	John J. Armstrong.
Clarence Geddes,	Astoria,	Gerrit Smith.
Alexander G. Russell,	Oyster Bay.	
Arthur H. Allen,	Islip.	
George H. Payson, (2),	Newtown,	Robert Pierce.
Charles B. Chapin, (2),	Freeport.	
Bradford V. Putnam,	Huntington, Second.	

XVII. PRESBYTERY OF NEW-YORK.

John Spaulding, (2).
S. Irenaeus Prime.
William P. Strickland.

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Ruling Elders.*
Samuel D. Burchard, (2), Edward D. G. Prime. John M. Stevenson, (2). Henry M. Field, (2). Joseph A. Saxton, (3).	N. Y., Murray Hill.	
Edward Hopper, Philip Schaff. William G. T. Shedd, (2). George L. Prentiss, (2). Roswell D. Hitchcock. Revilo J. Cone, (2). Wm. Wallace Atterbury.	N. Y., Sea and Land.	
Samuel D. Alexander, (2), Joseph Sanderson. Samuel W. Bailey.	N. Y., Phillips,	Stephen H. Thayer.
Francis H. Marling,	N. Y., Fourteenth Street,	Robert McMurray.
John Hall,	N. Y., Fifth Avenue.	
John M. Worrall, Thomas S. Hastings, (3). Henry B. Chapin.	N. Y., Thirteenth Street,	Alexander McIntyre.
Charles S. Robinson, Augustine D. L. Jewett, (2). Charles A. Stoddard, (3).	N. Y., Memorial,	Thomas S. Strong.
Erskine N. White. Edward W. Hitchcock, (3). John S. Gilmor.	N. Y., West 23d Street,	James M. Edgar.
Howard Crosby, Wendell Prime.	N. Y., Fourth Avenue,	Warner Van Norden.
Edward L. Clark, (2),	N. Y., Puritans.	
Nathaniel W. Conkling, Albert G. Ruliffson, (2).	N. Y., Allen Street,	Joseph H. Allen.
	N. Y., Covenant,	Henry D. Noyes, (2).
James D. Wilson,	N. Y., Central,	William Mickens, (4).
	N. Y., Harlem,	Walter Carter.
Philemon R. Day.	N. Y., Seventh.	
Joseph R. Kerr, James C. Nightingale. George L. Shearer. Charles C. Darling. Joseph J. Lampe.	N. Y., Fourth,	James R. Cummings.
William W. Page, Charles A. Briggs, (2).	N. Y., New-York.	
Samuel M. Hamilton, (2),	N. Y., Scotch.	
John R. Paxton, (3), William H. Belden, (2). James H. Hoadley.	N. Y., West,	Robert Jaffray.
Charles H. Parkhurst,	N. Y., Madison Square,	Ezra M. Kingsley.
James Chambers, Louis Wolferz, (2).	N. Y., Calvary,	Charles Sweeney, (2).

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Ruling Elders.*
Samuel M. Jackson.		
Alfred H. Moment,	N. Y., Spring Street,	Edward W. Wygant.
Henry T. Hunter.		
Edgar A. Elmore, (2).		
Edward M. Deems,	N. Y., Westminster.	
Henry J. Van Dyke, Jr.,	N. Y., Brick,	John C. Tucker.
Anson P. Atterbury,	N. Y., Eighty-fourth Street,	Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.
Henry T. McEwen, (2).		
Francis Brown.		
Charles P. Fagnani.		
Franklin B. Dwight, (2).		
Reading B. Johns,	N. Y., Shiloh.	
John Hall Magowan,	N. Y., Canal Street.	
George W. Morrill.		
	N. Y., University Place,	Moses W. Dodd.

XVIII. PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA.

	Albion,	U. Clark Rogers.
Cornelius S. Stowits,	Niagara Falls.	
Maltbie D. Babcock,	Lockport, First.	
John C. Henderson,	Somerset.	

XIX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER.

William J. McCord, (2).		
Fenwick T. Williams.		
Francis B. Wheeler,	Poughkeepsie,	Alfred B. Smith.
Joseph K. Wight.		
Jeremiah Searle,	Newburgh, Calvary.	
Goodloe B. Bell, (2),	Amenia,	Henry W. Peters.
	Newburgh, First,	Charles E. Snyder.
James Otis Denmiston,	Wappinger's Falls.	
George P. Noble,	Cornwall,	Albert Palmer.
Theodore F. Burnham,	Amenia, South,	James H. Swift.
Jesse F. Shafer,	Hughsonville.	
Thomas Reeves,	Matteawan.	
Louis J. Lockwood,	Pleasant Plains.	
William G. Westervelt,	Millerton,	David Hamblin.
Augustus B. Prichard, (2),	Pleasant Valley,	Isaac P. Smith.
	Little Britain,	George L. Richmond, (2).

XX. PRESBYTERY OF OROOMIAH.

[None.]	[None.]

XXI. PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO.

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Ruling Elders.*
Pliny F. Sanborne,	Springfield.	
Charles K. McHarg,	Fly Creek.	
Henry U. Swinnerton,	Cherry Valley.	
Horace H. Allen,	Oneonta.	
Leonard E. Richards,	Stamford.	
James H. Robinson,	Delhi, First.	
Frank H. Seeley,	Delhi, Second,	Thomas W. Browne, (2).
John V. C. Nellis,	Gilbertsville,	Rufus Eggleston.
Walter Fry,	Colchester.	
Frank W. Townsend,	New Berlin.	
Irving E. White,	Hobart.	
Frank H. Coffran, (2),	Worcester.	

XXII. PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER.

	Rochester, Brick,	Louis Chapin, (2).
Ferdinand DeW. Ward,	Geneseo, First.	
Joseph R. Page,	Brighton,	Thomas A. Brown.
John Mitchell, (2),	Chili.	
Charles E. Robinson,	Rochester, First.	
Corliss B. Gardner,	Rochester, Westminster.	
	Wheatland,	Wilson R. Ballintine.
Horace P. V. Bogue,	Avon, Central.	
Newton J. Conklin.		
	Caledonia,	Peter P. Campbell, Jr.
William H. Millham,	Livonia.	
Newton H. Bell,	Nunda,	Alfred C. Dodge, Jr.
Josiah E. Kittredge,	Geneseo Village.	
Theodore B. Williams,	Charlotte.	
J. Edward Close,	Pittsford.	
Frederick S. Crawford,	Groveland,	Orimel Bigelow.
Theodore W. Hopkins, (2),	Rochester, Central.	

XXIII. PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE.

Tryon Edwards,	Gouverneur,	Melville H. Thrall.
L. Merrill Miller, (3),	Oswegatchie, First.	
John L. Gourlay,	Brasher Falls,	Calvin T. Hulburd.
James Gardner,	Canton.	
Jacob V. D. Shurts,	Chaumont.	
Albert W. Allen, (2),	Sackett's Harbor.	

XXIV. PRESBYTERY OF SIAM.

[None.] [None.]

XXV. PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN.

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Ruling Elders.*
John Waugh,	Cohocton.	
Benjamin F. Millard,	Naples.	
William A. Niles,	Hornellsville,	Nathan Platt.
James M. Platt,	Bath,	Zenas L. Parker.
	Hammondsport,	Lewis P. Wygant.
Alvin Cooper,	Howard.	
Lawrence M. Stevens,	Prattsburgh,	Charles G. Higby, (2).
John S. Bacon, (2),	Corning,	Edward Clisdell, (3).
	Campbell,	George Stevens.

XXVI. PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE.

David Torrey.		
	Oswego, First,	William H. Chamberlain.
Marcus N. Preston,	Skaneateles.	
Edward G. Thurber,	Syracuse, Park Central,	Schuyler Bradley.
George Hardy,	Manlius.	
David Irving Biggar,	Camillus.	
Charles S. Durfee,	Liverpool.	
Charles F. Janes,	Onondaga Valley.	
Alfred H. Fahnestock,	Syracuse, First Ward.	
Benjamin B. Dayton,	Amboy.	
Naomi Tamura.		
S. Edwin Koons,	Hannibal.	
Wilton Merle Smith, (2),	Cazenovia,	S. Henry Davis.
Vernon N. Yergin,	Jordan,	William F. Janes.

XXVII. PRESBYTERY OF TROY.

Philander Barbour,	Malta.	
	Troy, Second Street,	W. Howard Doughty.
John P. Cushman, (2).		
Samuel R. House.		
John Lowrey,	Whitehall.	
William Irvin, (2),	Troy, Second,	Ezra W. Boughton.
Oliver Hemstreet,	Johnsonville.	
Ninian B. Remick,	Troy, Ninth,	David C. Philip.
Alexander B. Riggs,	Waterford.	
Joseph P. Dysart,	North Granville.	
Henry W. Teller,	Cambridge,	Donald McClellan.
Teunis S. Hamlin,	Troy, Woodside.	
Donald McGregor, (2),	Troy, Park.	
William Reed, (3),	Troy, Memorial.	
Giles P. Hawley,	Mechanicsville.	
Titus Elwood Davis, (2),	Schaghticoke,	Peter B. Ackert, (2).

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Ruling Elders.*
Robert Barbour,	Caldwell,	Francis G. Crosby.
William H. Sybrandt, (2),	Troy, Oakwood Avenue,	David Bradt, (2).
David M. Hunter,	Salem,	James McFarland.
George Fairlee,	Troy, Westminster,	Edward N. Dauchy.
Charles E. Havens,	Green Island.	
William C. Brown,	Troy, Liberty Street.	
Charles Townsend,	Lansingburgh, First.	
	Troy, First,	David Cowee.

XXVIII. PRESBYTERY OF UTICA.

Nicholas W. Goertner.		
Edward C. Pritchett.		
Benjamin W. Dwight.		
John W. Whitfield.		
Benjamin F. Willoughby,	Sauquoit.	
James H. Taylor, (2),	Rome,	Simon G. Visscher.
Samuel Jessup,	Oneida,	Ambrose W. Hill.
	Clinton,	Seth K. Blair.
Clarence H. Beebe,	Clayville.	
	Utica, Westminster,	Daniel Waterman.
Dana W. Bigelow,	Utica, Memorial.	
Israel N. Terry,	New Hartford.	
Charles H. Van Wie,	Williamstown.	
	West Camden,	Samuel L. Smith.
Stanley B. Roberts,	Vernon Centre,	James V. Comstock.
	New York Mills,	Leander S. Wood.

XXIX. PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER.

Chauncey D. Rice, (4).		
Daniel N. Freeland, (2),	Huguenot Memorial,	John H. Dey, (2).
Wilson Phraner,	Sing Sing,	Stanton Cady, (2).
	Peekskill, Second,	Edward Wells.
Carson W. Adams.		
Charles J. Collins.		
Talmon C. Perry.		
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	Alexander Spence.
Rollin A. Sawyer,	Greenwich,	Timothy S. Pinneo.
George Nixon, (2),	Tremont.	
Isaac L. Kip,	Patterson.	
Edgar L. Heermance, (3),	White Plains,	Oliver R. Willis.
George W. F. Birch,	N. New-York, Bethany,	George M. Jaques.
Frederick S. Barnum,	Thompsonville, Ct.,	David Brainard, (2).
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Richard R. Tyers.
Joseph Greenleaf, (2).		
Robert A. Davison,	Throgg's Neck,	Marvin R. Baxter.

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Ruling Elders.*
David A. Holbrook, (3).		
	Mount Kisco,	Edward Crosby.
Anthony W. Colver, (2),	Gilead,	Harrison H. Travis.
John Reid, (2),	Yonkers, First,	William C. Foote, (2).
John Dixon,	Yonkers, Westminster,	Josiah Rich.
Henry A. Davenport, (2),	Bridgeport,	Alexander Wheeler.
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	Henry M. Lester, (2).
John H. Eastman, (2),	Katonah.	
Washington Choate,	Irvington.	
Willis W. Dowd,	Portchester.	
	Peekskill, First,	Sanford R. Knapp, (2).
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	David Travis.
	Yorktown,	Henry White.
Charles E. Allison, (2),	Yonkers, Day Spring.	
Manfred P. Welcher,	Pleasantville.	
Harris R. Schenck,	Mahopac Falls,	Robert W. Lounsbury, (2).
	South Salem,	Thomas Gilbert.
Ministers, 355.		*Ruling Elders, 172.*

The Rev. James McLeod, of the Presbytery of Buffalo, was chosen Moderator, and was duly inducted into office.

The Rev. James M. Platt, of the Presbytery of Steuben, and the Rev. Alexander G. Russell, of the Presbytery of Nassau, were elected Temporary Clerks.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report recommending

That the morning sessions begin at nine o'clock, and continue until twelve;

That the afternoon sessions begin at two o'clock, and continue until five;

That the evening sessions begin at half-past seven o'clock;

That the sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered in the Fourth Avenue Church, on Wednesday afternoon, at three o'clock;

That Wednesday evening be devoted to the consideration of Missions, Home and Foreign; and

That Thursday evening be occupied with a discussion of Church work, including the interests of the Sunday-School work, the provision for which was referred by the Synod, last year, to the present Committee of Arrangements.

The Committee also gave information concerning the reduction of railway fares, and the arrangements made for the entertainment of the members.

The report was accepted, and the recommendations were adopted.

It was

Resolved, That no academic or civic titles be used in the roll or on the minutes of the Synod.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 17th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and spent the first half-hour in devotional services.

The roll was called, and the names of the following members, reported as being present, were added:

Presbytery of Albany: Ministers—Timothy D. P. Stone, Timothy G. Darling, Charles G. Matteson; Elders—Samuel Anable, James Calderwood, Willard J. Heacock.

Binghamton: Minister—Stephen G. Hopkins; Elder—Franklin Edgerton.

Boston: Minister—Robert D. Sproull; Elder—Robert Gilchrist.

Brooklyn: Ministers—Benjamin B. Drake, J. Glentworth Butler, T. DeWitt Talmage, Samuel P. Halsey, James M. Ludlow, George M. McCampbell, Joseph G. Williamson, Jr., Leander T. Chamberlain.

Chemung: Minister—Augustus W. Cowles.

Columbia: Minister—George C. Yeisley.

Genesee: Minister—William Swan.

Hudson: Ministers—David Beattie, Charles Beattie, John U. Tschudi, Ferdinand Bernhardt, Robert E. Campbell; Elders—James Mitchell, Seth B. Cole.

Long Island: Minister—Thomas Harries; Elder—Dennis K. Halsey.

Lyons: Ministers—A. Parke Burgess, Luther A. Ostrander.

Nassau: Ministers—Thomas S. Bradner, George H. Payson, Charles B. Chapin.

New-York: Ministers—John Spaulding, Samuel D. Burchard, John M. Stevenson, Henry M. Field, William G. T. Shedd, George L. Prentiss, Revilo J. Cone, Samuel D. Alexander, Augustine D. L. Jewett, Edward L. Clark, Albert G. Ruliffson, Charles A. Briggs, Samuel M. Hamilton, William H. Belden, Louis Wolferz, Edgar A. Elmore, Henry T. McEwen, Franklin B. Dwight; Elders—Henry D. Noyes, Charles Sweeney.

North River: Ministers—William J. McCord, Goodloe B. Bell, Augustus B. Prichard; Elder—George L. Richmond.

Otsego: Minister—Frank H. Coffran; Elder—Thomas W. Browne.

Rochester: Ministers—John Mitchell, Theodore W. Hopkins; Elder—Louis Chapin.

St. Lawrence: Minister—Albert W. Allen.

Steuben: Minister—John S. Bacon; Elder—Charles G. Higby.

Syracuse: Minister—Wilton M. Smith.

Troy: Ministers—John P. Cushman, William Irvin, Donald McGregor, Titus E. Davis, William H. Sybrandt; Elders—Peter P. Ackert, David Bradt.

Utica: Minister—James H. Taylor.

Westchester: Ministers—Daniel N. Freeland, George Nixon, Joseph Greenleaf, Anthony W. Colver, John Reid, Henry A. Davenport, John H. Eastman, Charles E. Allison; Elders—John H. Dey, Stanton Cady, David Brainard, William C. Foote, Henry M. Lester, Sanford R. Knapp, Robert W. Lounsbury.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Bills and Overtures:

Ministers—Howard Crosby, T. Ralston Smith, Epher Whitaker, Charles E. Robinson, David M. Reeves, Robert A. Davison.
Elders—Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Charles E. Snyder, Alexander Wheeler, W. Howard Doughty, Davis S. Giffing.

2. Judicial Business:

Ministers—John McC. Holmes, Erskine N. White, Frederick W. Brauns, Francis B. Wheeler, Charles C. Wallace, Carson W. Adams.
Elders—Stephen M. Clement, Edward P. Durant, Edward C. Walker, John J. Armstrong, George M. Jaques.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly:

Ministers—Joseph R. Page, Peter Stryker, Fenwick T. Williams.
Elders—Theodore S. Hubbard, John C. Stowell.

4. Finance:

Elders—Ezra M. Kingsley, Daniel Waterman, Marvin R. Baxter, James D. Lawrence, Richard R. Tyers.

5. Place of Next Meeting:

Ministers—Charles H. Taylor, Peter D. Oakey, Thornton M. Niven, Rufus S. Green.
Elders—Moses W. Dodd, Daniel Corwin, James W. Mairs.

6. Sunday Schools:

Ministers—Henry A. Nelson, Samuel Dunham, Amasa S. Freeman, Lewis Lampman, Josiah E. Kittredge, Robert Court.
Elders—Edward P. Durant, Joseph B. Sweet, Lewis H. Clark, Walter Carter, Simon G. Visscher.

7. Leave of Absence:

Ministers—Alexander W. Sproull, Slator C. Hepburn, Alfred H. Moment.
Elders—George W. Burbank, Melville H. Thrall.

8. NOMINATION OF VISITORS TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES:

Ministers—S. Irenaeus Prime, Tryon Edwards, William A. Niles, Sabin McKinney.

Elders—Warner Van Norden, David Travis, Edward D. Selden.

9. NOMINATION OF LADIES' SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS:

Ministers—John D. Wells, Dana W. Bigelow, Benjamin M. Goldsmith, Henry Ward.

Elders—Solomon E. Smith, James M. Edgar, David Cowee.

10. NOMINATION OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE:

Ministers—Edward B. Walsworth, John M. Worrall, Cornelius S. Stowits, James Gardner.

Elders—Stephen H. Thayer, George R. Stearns, William H. Chamberlain.

11. NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINERS OF ELMIRA COLLEGE:

Ministers—Joseph E. Nassau, Isaac G. Ogden, George D. Meigs, Edward Hopper.

Elders—Elijah R. Page, George R. Hunt, Stephen Rose.

ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

1. ALBANY: *Ministers*—Julius S. Pattengill, Chandler N. Thomas; *Elder*—Henry Thomas.

2. BINGHAMTON: *Ministers*—Webster W. Belden, Alfred M. Stowe; *Elder*—Edward P. Morse.

3. BOSTON: *Ministers*—Ova H. Seymour, Donald Macdougall; *Elder*—James M. Garrison.

4. BROOKLYN: *Ministers*—William H. Gill, Lee W. Beattie; *Elder*—John C. Tucker.

5. BUFFALO: *Ministers*—James N. Crocker, Wallace B. Lucas; *Elder*—Henry L. Pierson, Jr.

6. CAYUGA: *Ministers*—Alexander O. Peloubet, John C. Henderson; *Elder*—Adolphus F. Tanner.

7. CHAMPLAIN: *Ministers*—Elias L. Boing, Teunis S. Hamlin; *Elder*—Brewster J. Allison.

8. CHEMUNG: *Ministers*—Hiram H. Kellogg, Ninian B. Remick; *Elder*—Alfred B. Smith.

9. COLUMBIA: *Ministers*—Edward Stratton, J. Otis Denniston; *Elder*—Edwin A. Miller.

10. GENESEE: *Ministers*—Peter M. Macdonald, Alfred H. Fahnestock; *Elder*—Phineas B. Young.

11. GENESEE VALLEY: *Ministers*—Franklin S. Howe, Robert H. Wilkinson; *Elder*—Asa Howell.

12. GENEVA: *Ministers*—Stanley D. Jewell, S. Edwin Koons; *Elder*—George R. Meneely.

13. HUDSON: *Ministers*—William W. Totheroh, Maltbie D. Babcock; *Elder*—Horace Graves.

14. LONG ISLAND: *Ministers*—Alphonso R. Olney, Alfred E. Myers; *Elder*—Hezekiah S. Berry.

15. LYONS: *Ministers*—Lewis H. Morey, Samuel T. Carter; *Elder*—Stephen Brown.

16. NASSAU: *Ministers*—Charles C. Carr, E. Wilmot Cummings; *Elder*—Melvin Montgomery.

17. NEW-YORK: *Ministers*—William A. Rice, Benjamin F. Millard; *Elder*—Schuyler Bradley.

18. NIAGARA: *Ministers*—Jeremiah Searle, John L. Gourlay; *Elder*—Joseph E. Wilford.

19. NORTH RIVER: *Ministers*—J. Westby Earnshaw, Lawrence M. Stevens; *Elder*—U. Clark Rogers.

20. OROOMIAH: *Ministers*—Giles H. Dunning, Clarence Geddes; *Elder*—Dwight P. Hull.

21. OTSEGO—*Ministers*—Clarence W. Backus, Asher B. Temple; *Elder*—Zenas L. Parker.

22. ROCHESTER: *Ministers*—Rufus S. Green, Bradford V. Putnam; *Elder*—Franklin Williams.

23. ST. LAWRENCE: *Ministers*—Dwight K. Steele, Alexander W. Sproull; *Elder*—Selah B. Strong.

24. SIAM: *Ministers*—Henry H. Lipes, Charles P. Luce; *Elder*—Calvin T. Hulburd.

25. STEUBEN: *Ministers*—William Waith, Allan D. Draper; *Elder*—Augustus H. Pearsall.

26. SYRACUSE: *Ministers*—Henry U. Swinnerton, Newton H. Bell; *Elder*—Stuart T. Terry.

27. TROY: *Ministers*—Edward C. Pritchett, Frederick S. Barnum; *Elder*—Robert Jaffray.

28. UTICA: *Ministers*—Horace C. Stanton, Frank H. Seeley; *Elder*—Nathan Platt.

29. WESTCHESTER: *Ministers*—Horace H. Allen, John McLachlan; *Elder*—Rufus Eggleston.

Overtures, Memorials, Appeals and Records were presented, and referred to the appropriate Standing Committees.

It was made the first order of business for this afternoon to hear the report of the Committee on the Supervision of the Churches.

The following minute was adopted by a unanimous vote:

The approaching anniversary of the birthday of Martin Luther having been chosen as the occasion for setting forth the principles and blessings of the great Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century, and for expressing the gratitude of the people for civil and religious liberty, the offspring of that Reformation; therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod commends to its people the fitness and expediency of observing the tenth day of November next, in memory of the Reformation, to the end that its principles may be exhibited, defended, and made perpetual; and that pastors be invited to preach on that or the following day with reference to this commemoration.

A resolution relating to the Pastoral Letter of the late Synod of the Roman Catholic Province of New-York was presented, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

It was made the first order of business for Thursday morning to hear the report of the Committee on the Condition of the Churches, and Mission Work, within the bounds of the Synod; and the second order to hear the report of the Permanent Committee on Temperance.

It was made the first order of business for Thursday afternoon to hear the reports of the Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries.

A resolution in reference to a Plan of Sustentation was presented, and referred to the Committee on the Condition of the Churches.

The Rev. Messrs. James M. Dickson, of the Reformed Particular Synod of New-York; Henry Kendall, of the Synod of Pennsylvania; Arthur W. Marling, of the Synod of New Jersey; and Addison D. Madeira, of the

Synod of Missouri, (South,) being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

The Committee on Benevolence, appointed last year, presented its report, as follows:

The Committee on Benevolence begs leave to call attention to the following tabular view:

PRESBYTERIES.	Communicants.	Contributions to all the Boards.	Total for all Church Work.	Average per Member for the Boards.	Average for all Church Work.	Churches contributing.	Churches not Contributing.	
1. Albany,	8,045	$29,566	$165,817	$3.67	20.61	45		2
2. Binghamton,	3,726	6,349	47,022	1.70	12.62	24	4*	6
3. Boston,	2,875	2,097	34,744	.73	12.08	17		1
4. Brooklyn,	12,560	25,008	233,133	1.99	18.56	20		1
5. Buffalo,	5,351	25,109	147,684	4.69	27.59	32		2
6. Cayuga,	3,478	12,992	54,006	3.73	15.52	16		6
7. Champlain,	1,966	3,506	26,258	1.78	13.35	15	1*	3
8. Chemung,	2,177	3,874	43,058	1.77	19.77	21		2
9. Columbia,	1,969	3,694	22,141	1.87	11.24	17		3
10. Genesee,	2,633	7,751	41,583	2.94	15.79	21	2*	2
11. Genesee Valley,	1,452	2,893	18,278	1.99	12.58	10		5
12. Geneva,	4,189	9,947	53,959	2.37	12.88	19	2*	2
13. Hudson,	5,730	8,584	69,175	1.49	12.07	40	2*	4
14. Long Island,	3,219	3,991	29,197	1.23	9.07	22		
15. Lyons,	2,614	3,029	40,107	1.15	15.30	14	2*	4
16. Nassau,	2,458	2,984	32,348	1.20	13.16	18		5
17. New York,	18,621	215,833	672,576	11.58	36.11	36		3
18. Niagara,	2,698	4,087	32,675	1.51	12.11	17		1
19. North River,	4,508	8,799	82,102	1.95	18.21	25	4*	7
20. Otsego,	2,513	4,662	46,737	1.85	18.59	22	3*	4
21. Rochester,	8,315	20,992	132,785	2.52	15.96	41		3
22. St. Lawrence,	3,627	6,752	47,949	1.86	13.22	27	2*	3
23. Steuben,	2,303	3,931	33,899	1.77	14.71	20		
24. Syracuse,	5,155	13,895	77,102	2.69	14.95	32	1*	3
25. Troy,	6,857	22,149	127,876	3.23	18.64	38	1*	5
26. Utica,	5,731	26,288	109,787	4.58	19.15	35	4*	6
27. Westchester,	6,412	22,090	146,628	3.44	22.86	39		
	131,182	$500,852	$2,570,626	$3.75	$19.28	683	28*	83

*Churches of twenty or less.

Our whole Church gives for its Boards, or rather for the different objects specified under Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, etc., $1,641,298; and for all Church work, including the General Assembly and that put down as Miscellaneous, $9,661,493; or an average per member for the Boards of $2.73, and for all Church purposes of $16.08. In our own Synod the average for the Boards is $3.75 per member, and for all Church work, $19.28.

Our Synod embraces not quite one-fourth of the members of the Church, and pays not quite one-third of all that is contributed to the Boards. If our members through the State would contribute at the rate contributed by the members of the Presbytery of New York, our Synod would contribute within $100,000 as much as is now given by the entire Church.

One encouraging fact gathered from the Table is the small number of Churches that are reported as giving nothing: 83 out of 800. Of these 83, 28 have only 20 members or less, and most of these 83 are vacant. It speaks well for the ministry that the effort is so generally made, where there are pastors, to do something for the cause of benevolence. At the same time there are very many Churches which take up collections for only one or two of the objects recommended by the Assembly. And there are many Churches where the largest collection, or rather amount given, is the tax to pay the expenses of the General Assembly. We even find whole Presbyteries where the comparison with other collections runs as follows:

Gen. Assembly.	*Education.*	*Publication.*	*Church Erection.*	*Relief Fund.*	*Freedmen.*
293	254	172	406	233	279
386	207	156	234	393	245
126	155	63	76	89	187

One of two things seems to be evident, that in some of our Churches the tax to support the General Assembly is too heavy, or that the causes named are not properly presented.

It is difficult, if not impossible, to map the facts which would show how far the actual giving falls below what the Church ought to do. It has been attempted in a little pamphlet on Christian Giving, by Mr. Thomas Kane, who has been seeking to arouse public sentiment as to this duty. He estimates that our Church, if it would only give one-tenth of its income, ought to give in round numbers twenty millions of dollars; whereas, for all Church purposes, it gave, according to the Minutes for 1883, a little over eleven millions.

The first thing for the Christian Church is to settle the principles on which this duty is to be presented. Not a little has been said about the duty of giving at least one-tenth of our income. One difficulty about making this the rule, is, that while one-tenth was equivalent to the tithe which the patriarchs gave, under the Mosaic economy, it seems to have been increased to two-tenths, or one-fifth, and a margin left for free-will offerings, which, in the case of building the tabernacle and temple, were very great. Another difficulty is that there is no special law in the New Testament as to the amount. There is the rule which the Apostle gave to the Churches of Galatia and Corinth, to give frequently—lay by in store on the first day of the week, and as God hath prospered us, (1 Cor. xvi: 1, 2). Undoubtedly the example of the Old Testament is to have weight, and yet if made the rule, it would bear very unequally on the poor man, who cannot make both ends meet, and the rich, on whom one-tenth or one-fifth would bear very lightly. Perhaps the following principles underlying both dispensations will commend themselves; and certainly, if lived up to, the results in the way of systematic beneficence would be greatly increased. (1.) We ought to aim under this Dispensation at as high a standard in this grace as under the old. We have received more and have more to do. (2.) We should consider that with respect to money as well as other things, we are stewards of a talent entrusted to us by our Saviour and King. It is a loan for which we must give account, rather than ours to use as we please. (3.) For God's service we should take the first fruits—not first take for ourselves or for some favorite scheme, but first answer the question, "How much owest thou thy Lord?" (4.) This should be considered frequently: if not the first day of every week, as often as our income comes in. (5.) That while the great motive for giving should be to the Lord, we should also seek to inform ourselves as to what his cause requires. A responsibility rests upon Pastors and Church Sessions to seek to give all needed information, both in the pulpit and by the circulation of periodicals, as to what the Church is doing at home and abroad. And as giving needs to be cultivated as a habit and a grace, children should be taught in this matter, both at home and in the Sabbath School.

It is supposed to come within the province of this Report to urge upon the Synod, and

through it upon the Churches, the present demands of the work as carried on by our Church schemes. This will be done as briefly as possible. In the Foreign field, not only does the present position need to be sustained, but the growing work needs more outlay. As an example of work enlarging in connection with an old mission, may be mentioned the visit of our missionaries from Canton or Kwang-tung to Kwang-si, where a province containing ten millions is found accessible and not a single missionary in it. In the same part of the world, Corea, with an estimated population of fifteen millions, (*Foreign Missionary*, Oct. 18, 1883,) calls, and calls especially upon our Church to begin the work there. Rijutei, the converted Corean nobleman, first became acquainted with the truth in connection with our Mission to Japan. And then on the coast of Africa our Mission on the Ogove holds one of the most direct lines of communication with its vast interior along the Congo or Livingstone. Seven hundred thousand dollars, or an advance of $50,000 on last year, are needed simply to sustain and enlarge work where God by his Providence especially calls upon us as a Church for more effort.

In this country, our Board of Home Missions calls upon the Churches for an addition of 20 per cent. to the receipts of last year, or the sum of $600,000 during the current year. All must understand how the work is increasing, as new territory is filling up in Florida and Texas, as well as more directly West and Northwest. Railroads are pushing their lines; and as fast or faster population is pouring in to take possession. And then in the older States there is a vast amount of neglected territory—cities with large foreign population, never growing so rapidly as at present. New centres of business are rising up. Then there are gaps between Churches, mountainous districts, lines of canals and railroads, where there is need of more labor.

Another class of our population—the Freedmen—are in a state where, unless pure homes, Christian education, and the Church are introduced, they must sink into debauchery and heathenism. What we have done as a Church has been well done, but it is only a tithe of what needs to be done as our share of the responsibility in helping to elevate the black man.

The Board of Church Erection has depended largely in the past on individual gifts. In the future it must depend more on Churches. As emigration advances, Church buildings must be provided, and in many new settlements the wisest aid that can be given is a Church home. Two hundred and sixteen Churches were aided last year; more will need help this.

And then, if more laborers are needed—if the work is to be advanced, the men must be sought out and educated. We must not only keep up the number as made necessary by the inroads of death, but prepare those that can take up new lines of work as they open before the Church at home and abroad.

And while the Church calls for new men, it should not forget the infirm and aged who are obliged to put off the harness. The hardest of all trials in the ministry is to be obliged to ask for aid in old age, or to leave a family dependent on such aid. For the sake of the Master whom they serve, it should be done as wisely, kindly and generously as possible.

Once more, with regard to the old Boards, no one knowing the value of Christian literature in the home and in the Sabbath School, would wish any less of it put in circulation, but would speed every well adjusted plan by which it can be brought more directly and thoroughly into contact with every community, displacing pernicious literature in older settlements, and supplying destitute regions at the very start with a spiritual and attractive literature.

Besides these recognized and established claims upon the benevolence of our Church a new one no less important was inaugurated by the last Assembly, and that is the "Board

of Aid for Colleges and Academies." It is another step towards a more thorough Christian education, which our Church—always the friend of education in the past—must welcome with hearty approval. The only regret is that it was not inaugurated years ago; and now the only way to make amends is to push the work with vigor, determined that we, as a Church, will do our part in sustaining a thorough system of Christian education.

It is evident from this hasty glance that in order to sustain the work already commenced with its legitimate growth, and to meet the responsiblity thrown upon us by the Providence of God, there must be an advance in giving. Every giver, with here and there an exception, should seek to add at least 50 per cent. to his gifts for the last year, and ask besides what he can give to the new work in aid of Christian education. And then, over and beyond the demands of the cause, every professing Christian needs to make this matter of giving a subject of conscientious consideration in the sight of God, and see whether he is acting from impulse or from principle, and whether he is growing and abounding in this grace, and whether as one who has received so much from the Lord Jesus, he ought not to do more to show his gratitude to such a Saviour.

The report was accepted.

It was

Resolved, That the report be printed, and a copy be furnished to each pastor and Church in the Synod.

The Committee of Conference with the various organizations for Woman's work within the bounds of the Synod, appointed last year, presented a report as follows:

This Committee, it will be remembered, was appointed by the Synod in response to the request of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions, upon the one hand, and that of the Ladies' Board of Missions upon the other. The requests were made in consequence of a conviction that the time had come when the work which had been carried on under the direction of four different agencies, would be rendered more effective by such union of these agencies as would result in a single organization for each of the two branches (Home and Foreign) into which the missionary activity of the women of the Synod is divided.

The Committee met in New York, February 20, 1883, and after mature deliberation on the plans submitted to them, and the various suggestions made by the different organizations interested in the matter, prepared the following paper, which, having been submitted to all the absent members of the Committee and approved by them, was addressed,

"*To the several Woman's Organizations engaged in Missionary Work within the Bounds of the Synod of New York:*

"At the request of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions and the Ladies' Board of Missions, the Synod of New York, meeting in 1882, appointed a Committee of Conference with the various organizations for woman's work within the bounds of the Synod, to advise with them in regard to the unification of their work.

"The Committee consisted of: Ministers, Erskine N. White, John McC. Holmes, T. Ralston Smith, Henry A. Nelson, L. Merrill Miller, Thomas J. Brown, Charles Cuthbert Hall, and Elders, Joseph H. Plumb, Noah T. Clarke, and William F. Lee.

"The Committee met on Tuesday evening, February 20, 1883, in the West Twenty-third Street Presbyterian Church of New York. Although not all the members of the

Committee were able to be present, the views of most of those absent were given by letter, and the action taken at the meeting has been submitted to all of the members of the Committee, and has been unanimously approved.

"The duties of the Committee were somewhat simplified by the action of the Synod appointing a Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions, consisting of Presbyterial Committees representing all the Presbyteries, and thus arranging for the unifying of the Home Work and its systematic management.

"Upon the other hand, the work for Foreign Missions of the women of the Synod is under the direction of several different organizations, viz.: The Ladies' Board of Missions (New York), the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions (Albany), the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Long Island, and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church (Philadelphia), the first of these having charge also of the Home Missionary Work of its auxiliaries.

"After careful consideration of the questions presented by the organizations requesting the conference, and mature and prayerful consideration of the whole subject, the Committee took the following action:

"1. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Committee it is expedient that the various Woman's Foreign Missionary organizations within the bounds of the Synod be united in one organization.

"2. *Resolved*, That to this end we recommend the following plan, viz.:

"(1st.) Let the Ladies' Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church (New York), the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions (Albany), and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (Long Island), be united as the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Synod of New York.

"(2d.) Let the future work of this board be exclusively Foreign Missionary, excepting where property or other interests would be affected by the abrupt relinquishment of Home fields. In such cases let the work be gradually relinquished as soon as it can be safely transferred to the Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions.

"(3d.) As soon as is practicable in view of all the interests concerned, let the Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions have charge of all woman's work for Home Missions throughout the Synod, reporting statedly to the Woman's Executive Committee.

"(4th.) Let the Presbyteries have not only their Woman's Committees for the Home Work (as recommended by the General Assembly), but also Woman's Presbyterial Foreign Missionary Societies in single or contiguous Presbyteries, auxiliary to the Central Board; and let the Home and Foreign work in individual congregations be carried on either by separate societies or, if the members shall so elect, by one society dividing its receipts equitably between the Home and Foreign work, and maintaining an active and equal interest in both.

"(5th.) Let there be an amicable understanding with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (Philadelphia) as to the territory to be occupied by that Society and the Woman's Board of the Synod of New York, each to have the field exclusively in the Synod in which it is located, and their work in other Synods to remain as now until such Synods organize their own Boards.

"3. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the various organizations of women within the bounds of the Synod engaged in Foreign Missionary work take action at their next annual meetings looking to the unification of their work, and, if they deem it expedient, adopt the plan herewith presented.

"4. *Resolved*, That if such action shall be taken by the organizations above men-

tioned, we recommend that they shall severally adjourn to meet in the State Street Presbyterian Church, of Albany, on Tuesday, May 1, 1883, at 8 P. M., for the purpose of effecting the organization of the proposed Board.

"5. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the societies above mentioned having auxiliaries within the bounds of other Synods in which are located similar organizations for Woman's Work in Foreign Missions, shall transfer such auxiliaries to the care of the Society so existing.

"6. *Resolved*, That, recognizing with gratitude the very efficient work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church (Philadelphia) in stimulating the missionary spirit in many of the Churches of this Synod, we invite them to consider the question whether, in view of the unification of the work within our bounds, they cannot consistently transfer their auxiliaries within the State of New York to the care of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Synod of New York, should such be formed.

"The above recommendations are now submitted to the various woman's organizations engaged in missionary work within the bounds of the Synod of New York, with the prayer that the Giver of all wisdom may guide them in their desire to render the work in which He has so signally blessed them in the past, still more efficient in the future."

The Committee farther reports the following results:

The Home Missionary Work is now all conducted under the general direction of the Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions, which makes an annual report to the Woman's Executive Committee.

The Foreign work is still divided, the way having not yet seemed clear to the union of the Woman's Board of Albany (now the "Foreign Missionary Board of Northern New York,") and the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of New York. No doubt the way will be opened in the future for whatever co-operation or union may seem in the Providence of God necessary for the more efficient conduct of the work.

The report was accepted.

The Committee of Arrangements reported recommending that the Rev. Howard Crosby preside at the Communion service this afternoon; that the Rev. Messrs. John D. Wells and John McC. Holmes assist in the service; and that the following Elders serve the communicants, namely, Messrs. Edward P. Durant, James D. Lawrence, Stephen M. Clement, Stephen Rose, Edward C. Walker, Solomon E. Smith, Stuart T. Terry, Franklin Williams, Stephen H. Thayer, Charles E. Snyder, Louis Chapin and William C. Foote.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. David Irving, one of the Secretaries of the Assembly's Board, addressed the Synod on the subject of Foreign Missions.

The report of the Committee on the Endowment of Hamilton College was made the third order of business for Thursday morning.

A recess was taken until three o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 17th, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met in the Fourth Avenue Church, when the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in accordance with the previous arrangement.

After a brief recess the Synod met in the Madison Square Church.

The Committee appointed last year to report the most thorough and effective method of securing the supervision and direction of the congregations by their respective Presbyteries, presented the following report which was adopted:

That the elements needed are, a closer Presbyterial contact with the congregations for the direct promotion of spiritual religion; more guidance to the people in times of vacancy, and of financial or other difficulty; and the promotion of fixed pastorates, and of that order and good government which the New Testament enjoins, and which we acknowledge the obligation to maintain for the good of the people under our care and for the honor of our King and Head.

These necessities, of course, are not equally distributed. The conditions and difficulties of Presbyteries and of their fields vary greatly, and the suggestions here made are not meant to be a censure on any, but a help towards the working out of our New Testament principles in varied and often changing circumstances, such as our country presents.

The following methods are outlined, some of them from actual experience in Presbyteries that have moved in the desired direction, and on the assumption that Presbyteries would modify any of them according to local conditions:

1. The regular periodical visitation of Churches in order, a certain number being taken annually, either by the whole Presbytery, or by a deputation, involving inquiries into the condition of the congregation, and the efficiency of every department of congregational work, with counsel and aid where they seem to be needed.

2. Special visitation by delegates for purely spiritual ends (apart from the so-called "business" of a Church Court,) involving religious meetings with the people, and fraternal conference with the officers of congregations, so as to learn local needs and the best way of supplying them.

3. Timely counsel, manifested sympathy, and aid, to Churches feeble in themselves, without settled pastors, and this without waiting for formal application from such congregations.

4. Systematic teaching on the part of ministers (as for example by series of sermons) of the great principles of Church government, historically bound up with the position and progress of our Church, without any controversial spirit, but fitted to render co-operation with Presbyteries on the part of all our people, intelligent, cordial and complete. This

recommendation is based on the assumption that mere tradition, "use and wont," and the like, do not constitute an adequate basis on which to rest the government and administration of a Church like ours, which by God's grace is wide-spread and strong, and fitted to effect great things in holding this land for the Saviour, and filling it with His truth and with Christian institutions.

These suggestions are offered for the consideration of Presbyteries with only the confidence founded on observation and partial experience, and with the earnest prayer that we may be strengthened more and more for the ever growing burden of duty and of privilege that the Lord gives us.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported, with recommendations, a Memorial from the Presbytery of Oroomiah respecting the ecclesiastical relations of its ministers, and also a Letter of Salutation from the "General Cnushya," or native Synod of Persia, addressed to this Synod.

The report was amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

That the memorial of the Presbytery of Oroomiah be referred to a Special Committee, to report at the next meeting of the Synod.

That the Stated Clerk be directed to respond, in the name of the Synod, to the letter of the General Cnushya of Persia.

It was

Resolved, That the Committee on the Memorial from the Presbytery of Oroomiah be instructed to represent this Synod, either by a personal delegation, without expense to the Synod, or, if that be impracticable, by fraternal correspondence, at the coming semi-centennial of the Persian Mission.

The Committee appointed to attend the last annual examination in the Union Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was accepted:

It is known to the Synod that this Seminary stands upon its own basis, and is not amenable to any ecclesiastical court. It is known also that from its foundation, the relations between the Synod and the Seminary have always been intimate and cordial; mutual love and confidence have never been interrupted, and still abide the same as ever.

The enlarged Synod having at its first session appointed a committee to attend the examinations at this school of the Prophets, expressed by this act its desire that the relations of Synod and Seminary shall be as intimate and cordial in the future as they have been in the past. This feeling the committee found to be fully reciprocated by the Faculty. The representatives of the Synod were heartily welcomed, liberally entertained, and every facility was afforded for the prosecution of the work assigned to them.

Seven of the nine members of the committee were present the whole or a part of the time. A majority of the committee were in daily attendance.

Examinations were heard in the following departments of study: Dogmatics, Church History, Symbolics, Apologetics, Pastoral Theology, Hebrew and Greek Exegesis.

The high average scholarship of the students, as it appeared in the examinations, bore

witness to the fidelity and zeal of the Faculty, and to the conscientious industry of the young men.

The Theology taught, as it appeared in the examinations, is the same Biblical and historic Calvinism that is found in the Westminster standards; this fact appeared not only in the department of Dogmatics, but in other departments where they touched systematic Theology.

The departments of Church History, Symbolics, and Apologetics swept over a wide range, but not too wide for the comprehension of the students, so admirable were the methods of the teachers.

The examinations in Pastoral Theology commended themselves, not only because of their thoroughness, but also by reason of the practical character of the teaching, the result of the long pastoral experience of the Professor in that department.

The examinations in Hebrew and Greek are worthy of high commendation. There appeared to be a zeal and thoroughness in the study of the Scriptures in the original languages which cannot fail to have an important influence on the character and success of the young men in all their future ministry.

We urge upon the Synod the annual appointment of a committee to attend these examinations, composed of clergymen and laymen who will make it a matter of conscience to attend to the duty assigned them. We are sure that the interests of the Master, the Synod, and the Seminary will in this way be greatly promoted.

It will be apparent to all the members of the Synod that where there is so much enthusiasm for learning, so much mental activity, so much acquisition of knowledge, in a word, where there is so much "diligence in business," there is great need of a corresponding fervor of spirit.

The committee are glad to report that special attention on the part of the Faculty is given to the cultivation of the spirit of personal piety among the students.

The prayers of the members of the Synod in the closet, and the prayers of pastors in the public worship of the Church, ought to go forth to Almighty God in the behalf of all our students of divinity, that the one imperial inspiration by which they shall be moved, may be "the love of Christ."

This prayer answered, all the treasure of learning they possess will then become the sword of the Spirit, by which they will be able to do valiant and successful work for the great Captain of our salvation.

The Committee of Arrangements reported, recommending that at the missionary meeting this evening the Moderator preside; that the Rev. Messrs. Henry Kendall and William Irvin present the subject of Home Missions; and that the Rev. Messrs. Henry A. Nelson and Charles E. Robinson present the subject of Foreign Missions.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Isaac G. Bliss, of the Hampden East Association of Massachusetts, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 17th, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

After the recess, in accordance with the previous arrangement, addresses were made on the subject of Missions, Home and Foreign.

It was made the second order of business for Thursday afternoon to hear the report of the Committee of Examiners of Elmira College.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 18th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent the first half-hour in devotional services.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The following members appeared and were enrolled:

Presbytery of Brooklyn: Ministers—Theodore L. Cuyler, Archibald McCullagh.
Buffalo: Minister—William S. Hubbell.
Chemung: Minister—Darius D. Lindsley.
New York: Ministers—Joseph A. Saxton, Thomas S. Hastings, Charles A. Stoddard, Edward W. Hitchcock, John R. Paxton.
St. Lawrence: Minister—L. Merrill Miller.
Steuben: Elder—Edward Clisdell.
Troy: Minister—William Reed.
Westchester: Ministers—Edgar L. Heermance, David A. Holbrook.

It was

Resolved, That hereafter visitors be appointed to attend the examinations in the Auburn Theological Seminary, and that these visitors, for the ensuing year, be nominated by the committee appointed to nominate a similar committee for the Union Theological Seminary.

It was made the fourth order of business for this morning to hear a farther report from the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

An overture from the Presbytery of Westchester was presented and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented the following report, which was adopted:

Two papers have been placed in the hands of the committee containing appeals and reasons of appeal.

The first of these is an appeal of Mr. Jonathan Chamberlain from the action of the Presbytery of Rochester in a matter affecting his position as a member of the Church of Caledonia. Your committee find that the papers are in proper form, and were presented to the Moderator of the Presbytery at the proper time. They therefore present the case as one suitable for trial by this body. Both parties, however, having given their consent, the committee recommend that the case be tried by a Judicial Commission appointed by the Moderator of the Synod, and that said Commission proceed pursuant to the rule prescribed in Chapter VII., Section 3, Articles 8, 9, 10, of our Book of Discipline.

The second of these papers is an appeal taken by certain persons connected with the Church of Throgg's Neck from the action of the Presbytery of Westchester. Your committee having carefully considered all the papers in the case are unanimous in the opinion that it has no legal standing before the Synod.

In the first place the action of the Presbytery appealed from was purely administrative or advisory. It had in it no judicial element as respects either process or trial. Certain persons, without any previous meeting of the congregation having been held, petitioned the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation between the Rev. R. A. Davison and the Church of Throgg's Neck, and to direct the Session to call a congregational meeting to consider certain questions affecting this matter. The Presbytery replied to the petitioners that the reasons assigned were in their judgment insufficient to warrant them in dissolving the pastoral relation, but advised the Session to carefully consider the propriety of calling a meeting of the congregation, and, if in their judgment it was for the best interests of the Church, to call such meeting at a convenient time and place.

From this administrative action of the Presbytery the petitioners present to the Synod a judicial appeal. And in this your committee regard them as in error. Their proper course was to present a complaint. But so far as we are aware, there is no warrant in our Book nor precedent in our history for a judicial appeal being taken from a non-judicial action.

But aside from this technical objection your committee are clear in the conviction that in no respect is this a suitable case to come before this body. The chief act complained of by the parties considering themselves aggrieved is that the Presbytery did not command the Session to call a meeting of the congregation. They did advise them to do so in case in their judgment the best interests of the Church appeared to demand it. This your committee think was all they could reasonably do. And if after receiving such advice the Session refused to call the meeting, the proper action to be taken in the case was for the aggrieved parties to complain to the Presbytery of the course pursued by the Session, rather than to the Synod of the action of the Presbytery.

For these reasons your committee recommend that the parties in this case have liberty to withdraw their appeal.

The following were appointed the Special Committee to consider the Memorial of the Presbytery of Oroomiah: The Rev. Messrs. Henry A. Nelson, T. Ralston Smith and Charles A. Briggs, and Elders Stephen M. Clement and Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.

The following were constituted the Commission to try Judicial Case No.

1, the appeal of Jonathan Chamberlain from a decision of the Presbytery of Rochester: The Rev. Messrs. Erskine N. White, Frederick W. Brauns, Francis B. Wheeler, Charles C. Wallace, Carson W. Adams and Joseph E. Nassau, and Elders Stephen M. Clement, Edward C. Walker, John J. Armstrong, Joseph B. Sweet and Moses W. Dodd.

The Rev. Roswell D. Hitchcock invited the members of the Synod to visit, at their convenience, the new buildings of the Union Theological Seminary.

The invitation was accepted with the thanks of the Synod.

The first order of the day was taken up, and the Committee on the Condition of the Churches, and Mission Work, within the bounds of the Synod, presented its report, which was amended, and is as follows:

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod to consider the relations of the Synod to the work of Home Missions and Sustentation within its bounds, has given earnest attention to the matter committed to it, and would respectfully present the following report:

Your committee has not felt called upon to present arguments on behalf of general mission work, or to seek to enforce the importance of caring for and sustaining the feebler churches in connection with the Synod. It is assumed that the brethren understand and acknowledge their duty in this direction. The object which your committee has had in view has simply been to devise and suggest, if possible, some method by which the work may be more efficiently and effectively done.

Three matters were distinctly referred to this committee in its appointment, viz.:

1st. (Minutes of Synod, p. 18.) "The Condition of the Churches and Mission Work." This has been understood by your committee to refer to the methods in which the Presbyteries and Churches connected with the Synod were prosecuting the work of missions within the bounds of the State.

Afterwards (Minutes, p. 26) the committee was enlarged, and the matter of sustentation, as referred to in the opening sermon of the Moderator, was committed to it for consideration; also the circular letter of the Board of Home Missions, asking the Synod to appoint each year a Committee on Home Missions, to report at the next annual meeting. (Minutes, p. 36.)

The leading facts connected with Mission and Sustentation Work in the State may be set forth in few words.

Of our 801 churches, according to the Minutes of the last Assembly, 421 have settled pastors, 213 are reported as having stated supplies, and 114 as vacant.

It is to a very large extent among these latter classes of churches that the field for Mission and Sustentation Work is found.

From the last report of our Board of Home Missions, we learn that 93 men are laboring within the bounds of this Synod who are drawing their support, at least in part, from its treasury, 7 of whom are upon the Sustentation fund.

The amount paid into the treasury of the Board by the churches of this Synod during the last year was $98,644, and to the Sustentation Fund $3,141, an aggregate of $101,785. This does not include the amount received from legacies, the larger portion of all received by the Board last year having come from sources within the bounds of this Synod.

For Missionary Work within the State, the churches of this Synod have drawn $16,557 from the treasury of the Board of Home Missions, together with $1,500 from the Sustentation Fund, making an aggregate of $18,057 drawn during the last year from the treasury of the Board of Home Missions and Sustentation for the work which we are now considering.

This, however, by no means represents the whole amount expended by our churches and Presbyteries upon Home Missions and Sustentation Work; for, turning to the Minutes of the General Assembly, we find that the churches of this Synod report the sum of $185,778 for these objects, while only $101,785 of this amount passed through the treasury of the Board.

These figures clearly show that of the moneys reported in the Minutes of the Assembly as raised by the churches of this Synod for the cause of Home Missions, only a little more than one-half passes through the treasury of the Board, the remaining portion being appropriated and expended by the individual churches or Presbyteries for their own local or home work.

But even this aggregate of more than $185,000 does not include the large amount expended for the support of mission chapels and congregational mission work by individual churches or by Presbyteries in this city and elsewhere in the State, which is put down in some cases in the Minutes of the Assembly in the column of congregational expenses, or in that of collections for miscellaneous objects.

Your committee presents these statements and figures in order to direct special attention to the fact that the churches and Presbyteries of this Synod are already to a very large extent doing their own home work, independently of the treasury of the Board of Home Missions and Sustentation.

But the question arises, and it is the question for the consideration of the Synod, whether under present methods the work is satisfactorily done; or can any new plan be devised by which it can be better, more systematically or successfully prosecuted?

As to the former of these questions, your committee supposes that none will claim that this work of home evangelization is as thoroughly and efficiently carried on as it ought to be in all parts of the Synod. It is too evident to any intelligent understanding of the matter, that there are still waste and desolate regions in the midst of us — some districts and portions of the State in which our Presbyterian Church is called upon to do more and better work in the way of home evangelization. Many have felt dissatisfied with our present plans of operation, and urged that our methods of doing this work should be revised and amended. It has also been urged that in connection with this new departure in our history in the consolidation of the Synods and the enlargement of our boundaries and prerogatives as an ecclesiastical body, the time is specially opportune for inaugurating some new and more uniform method of doing Mission and Sustentation Work within our bounds.

The plan which has had interest for some minds and been pressed from some quarters, is that of a "Synodical Sustentation Scheme," in connection with which provision should be made for the better supervision and care of our feeble churches, and the more efficient prosecution of the work of church extension throughout the bounds of the Synod. This, it is urged, should be done independently of our Board of Home Missions, and as a distinct work in charge of the Synod itself, the funds for its prosecution being provided by the Synod or by the Presbyteries without drawing anything from the treasury of the Board.

Such was substantially the scheme suggested, and partially outlined in the opening sermon of the Moderator at the last meeting of the Synod, which suggestion was especially submitted to this committee for consideration.

After giving the subject such attention as it has been able to do, your committee does not see its way clear to commend the adoption of this scheme, deeming it, at present at least, impracticable.

The plan which to your committee has appeared most feasible and best adapted for the successful prosecution of Mission and Sustentation Work within the bounds of the Synod, is one which is not new, but is already in practical operation in some parts of the Synod. The suggestion of your committee is simply that it be more generally adopted and more intelligently and efficiently put into operation. The plan is this: Recognizing the Presbytery as the chief factor in this work, let each of our Presbyteries be urged to accept its responsibility in this direction, and through a standing committee of its own seek to supervise and as thoroughly and completely as possible occupy its own field, providing for the support of its feebler churches, planting new ones where they are needed, seeking to encourage and stimulate all its churches to a livelier interest in this work of local evangelization, and to special contributions for its support.

Especially is it urged that wherever practicable a separate and distinct collection from that annually taken for the Board of Home Missions, be recommended to be taken in all the churches, the proceeds of which shall be applied to the purposes of this home work within the bounds of the Presbytery or of the Synod, the moneys thus collected either to be paid into the treasury of the Board of Home Missions in New York and drawn therefrom as circumstances may require, or, if in the judgment of the Presbytery deemed better, to be expended under the direction of the Missions and Sustentation Committee of the Presbytery. This plan of Presbyterial action, the Presbytery providing for and doing its own work, is already in operation in some parts of the Synod. The Presbytery of New-York, while paying largely into the treasury of the Board of Home Missions, draws scarcely anything therefrom, choosing rather to provide and administer its own fund for church extension and sustentation within its own bounds. The same is in a measure true of some of the other Presbyteries. Should this plan be generally adopted and put into efficient operation, would it not secure, especially in connection with all our larger Presbyteries, the best possible results?

Upon this plan every Presbytery would be engaged in practical mission work, and would be provided with funds for its support, the treasury of our Home Board being at the same time in so far relieved, and the avails of the annual collection for Home Missions from the churches within our bounds left entire to be appropriated by the Board to the more destitute and rapidly growing field of the West.

Of course in some of our smaller Presbyteries this plan may not be practicable. In such cases the present method of paying into the treasury of the Board what they can, and drawing from it what they need, may be continued; but as far as possible it is recommended that the Synod, through its Presbyteries, should thus seek to do its own home work, relieving the Board both from its responsibility and its expense.

The attention of your committee has been directed to one other point, viz.: the need of a more intelligent and careful supervision of our feeble churches and mission fields. This is perhaps especially felt by some of the smaller Presbyteries and in the more sparsely settled sections of the State. Hence the call for some Synodical provision in this direction.

Your committee, recognizing the difficulty of securing from our busy pastors who are oftentimes overwhelmed with the exacting demands of their own fields of labor, that care and superintendence of this work which is really needed, is prepared to recommend the appointment of a Synodical Missionary or Superintendent, who, in connection with and under the direction of the Mission and Sustentation Committees of the Presbyteries, shall visit the feeble and vacant churches and destitute fields, take such measures as may be deemed expedient to furnish the vacant churches with pastors or stated supplies, cheer and encourage and help as he may such congregations, open the way for the planting of new churches where they are needed, and take such steps as are deemed wise and practicable for the supply of our whole population with the means of grace.

Some of our Presbyteries would have no need of such an agency. Others, your

committee is assured, would gladly welcome such aid in their work. It is therefore proposed that the Superintendent should visit only such Presbyteries as may need and desire his services, and that his work shall always be done under the immediate direction of the Standing Committee of the Presbytery which has this work in charge, to which committee he shall make his report of the work done in that particular field, sending also, if deemed desirable, a general report of his work to the Synod each year.

Your committee is convinced that the services of a man thoroughly in earnest and adapted to this work, might prove eminently useful in some of our fields in thus supplementing the supervision and care which our Presbyteries are able to give to their mission work.*

Your committee would also report that during the year forty conventions or public meetings have been held within the bounds of the Synod, under the auspices of this committee, aided by the Secretaries and others connected with the Board of Home Missions and the Women's Synodical Committee, which conventions have been largely attended, and the influence of which it is hoped will be followed by increased interest in the work. Our Ladies' work has been enlarging and taking definite form during the year, resulting in greater harmony and efficiency throughout the bounds of the Synod.

In order to carry into effect the foregoing views, your committee would respectfully offer the following recommendations:

1. That every Presbytery within the bounds of the Synod shall have its committee to which the work of Church extension within its bounds shall be specially committed, and whose duty it shall be to superintend and direct it, taking particular oversight of the vacan churches, administering aid and encouragement to those which are feeble, securing temporary or permanent supplies for those which are vacant, and where practicable, seeking the settlement of pastors.

2. That it be recommended to all the churches of the Synod to take, at some time removed from that at which the annual collection for Home Missions is taken, a special collection for this home work of Church extension and sustentation.

3. The chairmen of the several Presbyterial committees, or such other persons as may be appointed by the Presbyteries to act in their place, shall constitute a General Committee of the Synod, for the supervision of this whole work within its bounds. This committee shall meet at least annually, near or during the meeting of the Synod; confer together as to the work done and to be done, and also with the Secretaries of the Board where practicable, and advise such measures as shall tend to the better accomplishment of the work in hand; and report its action and work to the Synod.

The report was accepted, and the recommendations were adopted.

It was

Resolved, That the special needs of New England require the consideration of the Synod; and that the subject be referred to the Committee on the Condition of the Churches and Mission Work, with instructions to report during the present sessions.

The Rev. William Y. Brown, of the Synod of Pennsylvania, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

*The recommendation based on this suggestion was stricken out by the amendment of the report.

The second order of the day, the report of the Permanent Committee on Temperance, was considered, in connection with which the Rev. William Y. Brown, the Chairman of the Assembly's Permanent Committee, addressed the Synod.

Pending the discussion,

The consideration of the report of the Committee on the Endowment of Hamilton College was made the first order of business for Friday morning.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report, recommending that at the meeting this evening the subject of "The Work of the Local Churches" be presented by the Rev. Messrs. Theodore L. Cuyler, Charles H. Parkhurst and John R. Paxton, and that the Moderator preside.

The report was adopted.

A recess was taken until two o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 18th, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

The Rev. Messrs. William G. Barnes and Thomas Lawrence, of the Synod of Atlantic, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The order of the day was postponed, in order to hear the Rev. Isaac G. Bliss, of Constantinople, who addressed the Synod on Bible Work in the Levant.

It was

Resolved, That the Synod has heard the Rev. Isaac G. Bliss with great interest, and expresses its profoundest sympathy with his work of Bible distribution.

The order of the day was farther postponed to hear the Rev. Thomas Lawrence, who addressed the Synod on Work among the Freedmen.

The farther report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was made the third order of business for this afternoon, and the subject of Church Erection was made the fourth order.

The unfinished business was resumed, and the report of the Permanent Committee on Temperance, after being amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

In the opinion of the Committee, the time has come for more than an ordinary deliverance on this subject. Year after year, in the General Assembly, in the Synods, and in the Presbyteries, this important topic has been introduced and frequently discussed. We believe the period for action has arrived.

We shall not attempt to present facts or theories in detail. We simply submit for consideration the following points:

1. Inasmuch as intemperance and the results of intemperance, and of the traffic by which it is propagated, are among the greatest evils existing, and inasmuch as they present the most serious obstacles to the spread of vital Christianity, therefore it is our duty, as Christians and churches, to lift up the Gospel standard against them.

2. To this end it is recommended that each Presbytery within the bounds of the Synod appoint a Standing Committee on Temperance, whose special office it shall be to agitate the subject, stimulate the churches to do their duty in this direction, and when practicable to hold Temperance Institutes.

3. To such Presbyterial committees it is recommended that they confer with the pastors and Sessions, and through them seek to have a Gospel Temperance Society established and sustained in every church and Sabbath school; that thus the children and youth may be kept from the paths of the destroyer by being early educated to habits of sobriety.

4. While we believe that this and all other moral reforms should begin in the church, and be directed and fostered by Christian people, we also recognize the fact that the evils of intemperance in their far-reaching influences stretch out into the body politic in every direction. Therefore it is recommended that, through our Presbyteries, churches and members, an effort be made to reach the instructors of our children and youth, with a view of having the great subject of physiology and hygiene in all its departments, including the use of stimulants, introduced as an element of education in all our seminaries, from the primary school to the college.

5. It is recommended that our pastors, at least once a year, present this subject from the pulpit, suggesting, as very appropriate times for such presentation, the Lord's Days nearest to our national holidays, January 1st, February 22d and July 4th; and that the subject be remembered more frequently in public prayer.

6. It is recommended that we cordially help to support the Permanent Temperance Committee of the General Assembly in its work, and commend it, for pecuniary aid, to the liberality of our churches and people.

7. That we heartily sympathize with all organizations that are engaged in endeavoring to assuage the great evils of intemperance.

The first order of the day was taken up, and the Committees on the Records of the following Presbyteries reported, recommending that the records severally be approved as far as written, viz.: Albany, Bingham-

ton, Boston, Buffalo, Cayuga, Champlain, Chemung, Columbia, Genesee, Geneva, Hudson, Long Island, Lyons, Nassau, Niagara, New-York, North River, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Syracuse, Troy, Utica and Westchester.

The second order of the day was taken up, and the Committee of Examiners of Elmira College presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered to be placed on file.

The following recommendation in the report was adopted:

While recognizing the wisdom of that provision of the College Charter which requires that the various Evangelical denominations shall be represented in the management of the Institution, and devoutly hoping that the College may never be carried on in any narrow spirit of sectarian zeal, yet deeply feeling that it lies largely with the Synod of New York to determine what the future of the College shall be, the Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the advantageous and commanding position occupied by the Elmira Female College, and its easy accessibility from all points by railway; in view, especially, of the rare facilities it offers for the thorough education of young women, and of the ever urgent consideration that the great want of this as of every time and nation is educated Christian wives and mothers; therefore, the College commends itself to the warm sympathy and the enthusiastic support of this Synod, and is well worthy of the liberal gifts and patronage of the churches and people within its bounds.

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Elmira College was presented, accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee on the Endowment of Elmira College presented the following report:

During the past Synodical year some encouraging progress has been made. The residuary legatee of the estate of Frederick Marquand made a generous offer of $25,000, on condition that a like sum be made up in good subscriptions. This has given the citizens of Elmira and other friends of the College a new zeal in its behalf, and the sum required to secure this liberal donation has been fully pledged.

In addition to this the members of the Academy of Science in Elmira are now taking active steps towards deeding to the College the astronomical observatory which stands very near the College buildings, and has been used for the practical instruction of its senior classes for many years past. The property, including ground, building and instruments, is valued at $10,000.

It will take $25,000, however, to pay for the improvements recently made, and to adjust the finances of the institution to a cash basis. The College may now be said, therefore, to be in a fair condition to go forward at its present pace, paying its own way from year to year. Aside from its grounds, buildings, furniture and apparatus, it will henceforward have the income arising from $110,000 of invested funds, of which a large part is specially appropriated to scholarships.

Mention should here be made of the death of Hon. John N. Hungerford, one of the Trustees of the College and a member of this Committee, who endorsed his own approval of the work entrusted to it by making a provision in his will, which is ultimately to add $5,000 to the College endowment.

It remains for the Synod to determine the rank and scale which it would have this worthy institution to occupy by the side of others of the same character, established by private munificence. There are in this College at present only two full professorships, one of which is occupied by the President, representing the two departments of Philosophy and Art, the other being that of Mathematics and Physical Sciences, occupied with rare qualifications by Prof. W. R. Ford. The classes in these departments are distributed among different teachers, as also may be said of the classes in Ancient and Modern Languages, History and English Literature.

To bring the appointments of the College up to the standard of these times, demands at least a full Professorship of Languages, and one of Rhetoric, English Literature and History. And considering how seldom it happens that a College President is so completely prepared to direct courses of study in both Philosophy and Art as the present incumbent has proved to be, a separate Professorship of Art is to be set down as an imperative necessity of the near future. The Library, also, and the Laboratory call for large additions, the Laboratory having depended too long already upon the liberality and hard work of Prof. Ford for the necessary increase of apparatus illustrating the most recent discoveries in Science.

The College has worked along thus far through many difficulties, paying its teachers from its regular receipts for board and tuition, and maintaining a high grade of scholarship.

But as the path of woman's usefulness is constantly opening into higher and broader fields, there is need of offering her the fullest advantages that educational science can propose. The tendency of Christian thought, in this State at least, has been adverse to the opening of our oldest and best endowed institutions for the co-education of young men and young women in the same classes. In fact it has been strongly argued by eminent educators that woman's mind and woman's work demand a special adaptation of studies towards securing her highest and best culture. We therefore need such Colleges as this at Elmira, pervaded by the most genial and earnest Christian spirit, to take the daughters of the Church and prepare them for the highest service that may be awaiting them. Already we hear of them as having gone from this College to become active workers in our schools and churches at home, offering themselves as helpers in woman's work for woman, and equipping themselves for the severer duties of the Foreign Missionary service, both as teachers and medical missionaries.

By the successes already achieved as a pioneer in the higher education of woman for nearly a generation past, this College has fairly earned its claim upon our noblest generosity. Up to this time Elmira has borne its full share of the burden of raising up and endowing this institution. But it is no more to be expected that Elmira College should be fully endowed by Elmira, than that Princeton College should be endowed by Princeton. Men's colleges have Alumni, who through the talent educated there have risen to great worldly success, and the sympathies of such men are more easily reached by the appeal of there own alma mater than by that of any modest *sister* institution.

The alumnæ and former students of Elmira have shown a disposition to do what they can, but comparatively few of them have the abundant wealth at their command, out of which to endow here a library and there a professorship.

Your committee would close this report by recommending the adoption of the following minute:

The Synod of New York commends to its Churches the Elmira Female College as an institution subject to its special oversight and care, and as one which, after a history of

more than twenty-five years, has reached a position of assured prosperity and eminent usefulness. For its farther progress, however, an additional endowment of $100,000 is necessary, one-half of which may be applied to the general purposes of instruction, to enlarge the faculty and afford still greater facilities to students in the way of library and apparatus; while the other $50,000 shall be devoted to the endowment of scholarships, through which there is a constantly widening opportunity for the wisest Christian benevolence. And the Synod commends this institution especially to those women of our churches who are considering in what way they can prove most efficient as the stewards of God's bounty, confident that by this means a large accession will accrue to the noble work entrusted in these days to the most thoroughly developed Christian womanhood.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Brooklyn reported, recommending that they be approved as far as written, with an exception.

The report was accepted, and the Records, with the exception, were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Horace C. Stanton, William Waith, and Elder George R. Hunt.

On the recommendation of the Committee appointed to nominate the members of the Ladies' Synodical Committee on Home Missions, the following appointments were made:

LADIES' SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. Henry March, Mrs. B. Frank Potter, Mrs. Isabella McGill.

Binghamton—Mrs. John Chatfield, Mrs. E. Hawley, Mrs. Howard Elmer, Mrs. A. F. Ibbotson.

Boston—Mrs. George Edwards, Mrs. Charles C. Wallace.

Brooklyn—Mrs. D. R. James, Mrs. Jas. M. Ham, Mrs. D. M. Miller, Mrs. F. E. H. Haines.

Buffalo—Mrs. Henry Childs, Mrs. L. M. Kimball, Mrs. E. A. Skinner, Mrs. Martin D. Kneeland.

Cayuga—Mrs. E. A. Huntington, Mrs. L. T. Hamilton.

Champlain—Mrs. Joseph Gamble, Mrs. Chandler N. Thomas.

Chemung—Mrs. Wm. E. Knox, Mrs. Franklin S. Howe.

Columbia—Mrs. George A. Howard, Mrs. George C. Yeisley.

Genesee—Mrs. Cassius H. Dibble, Mrs. Dugald D. McColl, Mrs. Wm. W. Totheroh.

Genesee Valley—Mrs. Wm. F. Wheeler, Mrs. David Winters.

Geneva—Mrs. Thompson C. Maxwell, Miss Helen Hawley, Mrs. Geo. C. Curtis.

Hudson—Mrs. Charles Beattie, Mrs. Charles W. Cooper, Mrs. Francis M. Cummings.

Long Island—Mrs. Epher Whitaker, Mrs. Samuel Huntting, Mrs. Henry Cook.

Lyons—Mrs. Horace Eaton, Mrs. John P. Richardson.

Nassau—Mrs. Lewis Lampman, Mrs. J. R. Mowbray.

New-York—Mrs. Silas B. Brownell, Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. Oliver E. Boyd, Mrs. William F. Lee, Mrs. M. Hartley Brown.

Niagara— Mrs. Daniel Clarke, Mrs. Robert Norton.

North River— Mrs. M. F. C. Strong, Mrs. Isaac Brayton, Mrs. Hector Craig.

Otsego— Mrs. C. G. Sanborn, Mrs. Horace H. Allen, Miss Catherine Roseboom.

Rochester— Mrs. Joseph R. Page, Mrs. Wm. Alling, Mrs. Sarah J. Nichols, Mrs. Josiah E. Kittredge, Miss Frances E. Lauderdale.

St. Lawrence— Mrs. L. Merrill Miller, Mrs. Chas. Anthony, Miss P. T. Hubbard.

Steuben— Mrs. Wm. A. Niles, Mrs. James M. Platt, Mrs. Frank Williams.

Syracuse— Mrs. M. C. Armstrong, Mrs. Gilbert Mollison, Mrs. John Hobbie, Mrs. Chauncey Bronson.

Troy— Mrs. Teunis S. Hamlin, Mrs. James Borden.

Utica— Mrs. J. C. Gallup, Mrs. Frederick A. M. Brown, Miss Sarah Gilbert, Mrs. George Curran.

Westchester— Mrs. Thornton M. Niven, Mrs. Stanton Cady, Mrs. Edgar L. Heermance, Miss Olivia B. Walsh, Miss Elizabeth Cristy.

The third order of the day was taken up, when the Committee on Bills and Overtures reported the following papers:

An Overture from the Church of Naples, asking to be transferred from the Presbytery of Steuben to the Presbytery of Geneva; with a recommendation that the request be granted.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Hudson, asking that the names of the elders of the churches be published in the Appendix to the Minutes; with a recommendation that the request be answered in the negative.

An Overture from the Church in Rensselaerville, asking to be transferred from the Presbytery of Columbia to the Presbytery of Albany; with a recommendation that the request be granted.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Boston in reference to the needs of the Church of Lowell; with a recommendation that no formal action is required, but that the needs of that church be commended to the attention of the Synod.

A resolution relating to the Pastoral Letter of the late Synod of the Roman Catholic Province of New-York; with a recommendation that no action be taken.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Westchester, requesting the Synod to legalize the change in the place of the Intermediate Meeting of said Presbytery, held June 19th, 1883, from Throgg's Neck to New-York City; with a recommendation that the request be granted.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Committee farther reported several overtures relating to the constitution of the Synod, the consideration of which was made the second order of business for Friday morning.

The Rev. Harlan Page Blair, of the Reformed Particular Synod of New-York, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 18th, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

After the recess, devotional services were held, and addresses on Church Work were made, in accordance with the previous arrangement.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, October 19th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and spent the first half-hour in devotional services.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The following members appeared and were enrolled:

Presbytery of New-York: Elder—William Mickens.
Westchester: Minister—Chauncey D. Rice.

The Rev. Messrs. Oliver Crane, of the Synod of New Jersey, and Charles J. Young, of the Reformed Particular Synod of New Brunswick, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The order of the day was temporarily postponed.

The objects and claims of the Assembly's Board of Church Erection were presented by the Rev. John Hall.

On the recommendation of the Committee appointed to nominate Trustees and Examiners for Elmira College, the following persons were duly elected:

Trustees: Alexander S. Diven, Daniel R. Pratt, Francis Hall, Rev. Benjamin M. Goldsmith, Jackson Richardson, H. Boardman Smith, to serve for three years; and, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Rev. William E. Knox, Rev. Isaac Jennings, Jr., to serve for one year.

Examiners: Rev. Charles C. Carr, Rev. Franklin S. Howe, Rev. George D. Meigs, to serve for three years.

The Committee on the Endowment of Elmira College was continued; and Daniel W. McWilliams was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the decease of John N. Hungerford.

The order of the day was taken up, and the Committee on the Endowment of Hamilton College presented its report as follows:

The action of the Synod last year forged an additional link in the chain which binds Hamilton College to the great heart of the Presbyterian Church in this State. Throughout its entire history, this institution has commended itself to all who love Christ, and has especially been endeared to the members of our own Communion. As originated in the mind of its missionary founder, it was designed to be "a Christian institution for advanced learning," with a view to extending "the reign of virtue and the Kingdom of the blessed Redeemer." In the language of one of its staunchest friends, "religion and learning were its proposed purpose, and their promotion its intended work." But while Hamilton College has thus been distinctively Christian, it has also been essentially Presbyterian. Though not formally connected with any ecclesiastical organization, its President has almost invariably been a minister of the Presbyterian Church, and a majority of its professorships has been filled by clergymen and members of the same denomination. The College Church is Presbyterian in doctrine and polity, and of the one-fourth of its graduates who have entered the Christian ministry a very large proportion has been connected with our own beloved Zion.

In March, 1879, a movement was inaugurated to bring this institution into organic relation with the Presbyterian Church. Many prominent persons connected with our Communion had become deeply impressed with the fact that the best interests of Presbyterianism required the existence of a college in this State distinctively representative of our faith and order. All the other denominations had their institutions of learning liberally endowed and efficiently officered. It was feared that the Presbyterian Church would lose not a little of its prestige as an educational power and even spiritualizing force, if it failed to have a collegiate institution under its control. The sentiment that "the church that educates most will be the foremost church," was urged with great earnestness by the advocates of this movement; and a wide-spread opinion began to prevail that in the great State of New-York the Presbyterian Church must take positive action, and make a marked advance in the matter of higher education.

As the outcome of this movement, conferences were held at Utica and Syracuse to consider the relations of the Presbyterian Church to higher education. These conferences were attended by representative men; and after much discussion and deliberation, it was decided that the educational interests of our church in this State could be better promoted by utilizing some existing college, than by establishing an entirely new institution. Accordingly the following action was taken:

"*Resolved*, 1. That the Board of Trustees of Hamilton College at Clinton, Oneida

county, N. Y., be respectfully requested to consider the practicability of such a change in the charter of the College, whether by a provision which shall empower the Synods to fill vacancies in the Board as fast as they may occur, until two-thirds of the Board are made to represent, and thereafter to continue to represent, the Synods; or, by some other provision which shall more clearly identify the institution with the Presbyterian Church, and render endowments made in the interests of said church inalienable; and, if found practicable, that such change be secured by application to to the Regents of the University.

"*Resolved*, 2. That in the event of such a change in the charter as is contemplated in the above resolution, an effort be immediately inaugurated by our ministers and churches, to raise five hundred thousand dollars for Hamilton College."

A committee appointed to convey to the Board of Trustees of Hamilton College the above action of the Conference subsequently received from that body their acceptance of the proposition, and at the next meeting of the several Synods of the State, committees were appointed to secure the endowment contemplated in the plan.

In connection with this it is to be borne in mind that this was not a Hamilton College movement seeking for a church, but rather a church movement in quest of a college; and the facts in the case seemed to render it every way desirable that the Presbyterian Church should secure control of this institution. For the past twenty years Hamilton College had been steadily gaining in prestige and power. The number of Professors had been doubled; large additions had been made to the library; increased facilities had been provided for the different departments of instruction; the grounds had been greatly improved and adorned; new buildings had been added; the old ones had been renovated and, in some instances, remodeled; and the College property as a whole was estimated at between $600,000 and $700,000. It was thought by our wisest men that to take this College thus circumstanced under the control of our church was in every respect desirable.

Up to the date of October 1st, 1882, about $125,000 had been pledged to the endowment fund, in response to the efforts of the several Synods. At that time, however, the former Synods of the State were merged in the present Synod of New-York, and this body assumed control of Hamilton College on the basis of the plan already recited. At its first meeting this reverend body took up the subject of endowing the College, and with great unanimity and enthusiasm adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the ministers of this Synod be requested to present the interests of Hamilton College to their respective congregations and take special collections in its behalf on the Lord's day next succeeding the Day of Prayer for Colleges.

The result of this simultaneous movement may be summed up as follows:

Out of the twenty-seven American Presbyteries within the bounds of this Synod, all but three have, during the year, contributed to the endowment of the College. Out of the eight hundred and one churches belonging to these several Presbyteries, one hundred and eighty-eight have taken collections for this object pursuant to the recommendation of the Synod.

The amount of the collections taken and pledges made in these contributing churches is, in round numbers, $50,000.

This, however, by no means represents the entire work of the year in the matter of the endowment. The officers of the College — notably the President and Commissioner — have been indefatigable in their efforts; and as a consequence, nearly $125,000 have been secured, in addition to the sum contributed in the simultaneous collections, making $175,000 or thereabouts as the aggregate amount raised during the year for the endowment of Hamilton College. This sum, with what had been realized in the previous years since the movement was inaugurated, brings the endowment fund up to very nearly or quite $300,000,

and leaves but $200,000 to be raised in order to redeem the pledge of the church to the Board of Trustees. Had the remaining churches of the Synod taken their collections for this object on the day appointed, or even at any time during the year, and contributed in proportion to the churches complying with the Synodical request, $213,563 would have been realized, and almost the entire amount of the endowment would have been raised. Nor was such a course of action either impracticable or impossible. The churches which have contributed are by no means the largest or wealthiest in the State. What these have done the others could even more easily do.

At the same time, the simultaneous collection has been far from proving a failure. It has brought the college into notice, has enlarged the circle of its friends, has materially increased its constituency, and has awakened interest which is certain in later years to result in material advantage. Already many of our communion throughout the State are increasingly convinced that a Presbyterian college in New-York is an imperative necessity, that it must be made in every respect an institution worthy of the great church it represents, and that this work must be done forthwith. The indications clearly are that the Presbyterians of this State will not be satisfied with raising $500,000 for Hamilton College. Much of the money already raised has been designated for specific uses — for buildings, for apparatus, for scholarships, and for other purposes of this sort. What is needed and must be had is $500,000 for professorial endowments proper, that the number of chairs may be increased, and that those chairs may be filled with the ablest educators in the country. We want, as Presbyterians, not a college in the State, but the college of the State. We want a college which shall attract the most gifted young men of the commonwealth, because its curriculum is the broadest and its instruction the best that can be found from the ocean to the lakes.

Already there is a prophecy of this state of things in the present condition of the College. The new President is succeeding grandly in his position, and leaving an indelible impress upon the students. The Faculty are in entire accord with their efficient chief. The undergraduates are enthusiastic in their studies and exemplary in their deportment. The alumni are alive to the interests of the College, and intent upon advancing its welfare. And the Church is awakening to a sense of its duty, and determining to discharge the same. Above all, the blessing of God seems to rest upon the institution. The present Freshman class numbers seventy members, and is the largest in the history of the College, containing fully one third more students than the average of several preceding years.

Certainly in all this there is hope, and ample encouragement for effort. If the Church will appreciate its privilege and discharge its duty, the most satisfactory results may be realized.

In conclusion your committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod hereby reiterates its former deliverance respecting the importance of higher education within its bounds, and recognizes in Hamilton College an efficient instrument for training the young men of our church in secular wisdom and Christian grace.

2. That this institution is hereby affectionately commended to the sympathy and interest, the prayers and patronage, the efforts and liberality of all in our communion who are lovers of sound learning, and desire to have that learning sanctified.

3. That while we specially commend the endowment of Hamilton College to the wealthy Christian men and women of our Church, exhorting them as God's stewards to consider their duty to this institution, we also earnestly request all the churches of this Synod which have not yet taken a collection for the College, to do so at the earliest practicable period.

4. That the Presbyterial Committees on the Endowment of Hamilton College be continued, and that they be requested to bring the subject before the churches of their respective Presbyteries, and urge prompt contributions from the same.

The report was accepted, and the recommendations were adopted.

It was

Resolved, That the ministers of the Synod who have not already taken collections for the Hamilton College Endowment Fund be requested, affectionately, to present the interests of the College to their respective congregations, and take special collections in its behalf, at as early a date as practicable.

The Judicial Commission presented a report, which was placed upon the docket.

A paper relating to vacant Churches and unemployed ministers was presented, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Finance presented its report, as follows:

Your committee has examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and compared them with their accompanying vouchers. It finds them not only correct, but presented in a clear, mercantile form.

The receipts, from October 20th, 1882, to April 13th, 1883, are given as $602.37; and the payments from October 20th, 1882, to September, 1883, as $569.51, leaving a balance of $32.86 in the treasury, at what may properly be regarded as the close of the first fiscal year.

The receipts for the current year, since September 20th, have been $574.69, from 23 Presbyteries. Four Presbyteries are in arrears. The Presbytery of Nassau has overpaid $12.36, equivalent to a year's apportionment.

Upon the receipt of the above-mentioned arrearages, which your committee hopes will be realized without delay, the revenues of the current year will be already in the treasury, amounting to about $687.00.

The expenditures of the current year are estimated at $650.00.

The committee recommends,

1. That the fiscal year of the Synod be reckoned from October 1st.

2. That the rate of apportionment, as provided by the Eighth Standing Rule, remain unchanged for the current year.

The report was accepted, and the recommendations were adopted.

The Special Committee to which were referred the Records of the Presbytery of Brooklyn, with the exception taken by the Committee of Review, reported, that, in its opinion, the matter submitted to it is primarily the concern of the Presbytery, and should be noticed by the Presbytery before the Synod can be called to act upon it.

The report was accepted, and the Records of the Presbytery of Brooklyn were approved as far as written.

The second order of the day was taken up, being the consideration of the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on the constitution of the Synod, which is as follows:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reports:

That three Overtures have been received on the matter of the construction of the Synod. Two of these are from the Presbyteries of Buffalo and New-York, recommending that the Synod be constructed on the basis of the ministers and churches taken together; one minister and one elder representing each Presbytery having not more than 14 ministers and churches taken together; two ministers and two elders representing each Presbytery having more than 14 and not more than 28 ministers and churches taken together; and so on in like proportion, provided that no Presbytery shall send more than 10 ministers and 10 elders. The third Overture is from the Presbytery of Genesee, and asks the Synod to overture the General Assembly to divide the Synod of New-York into three.

The committee considers this last Overture as seeking to diminish the size of the Synod without making it a delegated body.

Two question are involved in these Overtures: (1.) Shall the Synod remain but a large Presbytery as heretofore, instead of becoming a delegated body? (2.) If so, shall its size be reduced?

The committee would answer the second question first, and unhesitatingly say, that if the Synod is to remain a large Presbytery, of which all the ministers within its bounds and an elder from each church are members, its size must be reduced; for in its present condition, 1800 members are entitled to be present at its meetings, and 600 are very likely to be present—a number altogether too great either for effective consultation together, or for facility of entertainment in any one place.

But the committee does not see the necessity of maintaining this Presbyterial construction of the Synod, especially in the light of the action of the General Assembly which changed the size of the Synods. That change implied and expected a change of basis in the representation of Presbyteries in the Synod; and as much of the matter heretofore brought before the General Assembly is now to be issued in the Synod, it seems eminently appropriate that the Synod be constructed like the General Assembly, as a delegated body.

The committee therefore considers it inexpedient to comply with the Overture of the Presbytery of Genesee, and recommends that the Synod send down to the Presbyteries, for their approval, the plan of representation proposed in the two Overtures from the Presbyteries of Buffalo and New-York, before mentioned, as follows:

"The Synod of New-York shall be composed of equal delegations of Ministers and Ruling Elders from each Presbytery in the following proportion: each Presbytery, the number of whose ministers and churches taken together is not more than 14, shall send one minister and one elder; each Presbytery, containing more than 14 and not more than 28 ministers and churches taken together, shall send two ministers and two elders; and so in like proportion for every additional number of 14 ministers and churches taken together, or for the fraction thereof; *provided*, that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten ministers and ten elders."

The report was accepted, and the recommendation was adopted.

It was

Resolved, That the Presbyteries composing the Synod of New-York be directed to act upon the Overture on the subject of representation not later than their next ensuing stated meetings; and that the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries send authenticated copies of the votes, without delay, to the Stated Clerk of the Synod. The said votes shall be canvassed by the Moderator and the Stated and Permanent Clerks; and if it appear that a majority of the Presbyteries has approved the Overture, the Stated Clerk shall notify the Presbyteries that they are directed by the Synod to elect delegates to the next meeting of the Synod on the basis defined by the Overture.

The Committee on the Condition of the Churches and Mission Work presented an additional report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

In view of the special needs of our work in the New England States, arising from the large immigration of Presbyterians from Scotland and Ireland and from the colonies of Great Britain on this Continent, who have settled in some of the manufacturing cities and towns of New England, the following action is recommended:

Resolved, That the particular claims of this field be commended to the special attention of the Board of Home Missions; and if, in its judgment, it shall seem practicable to appoint a Presbyterial Missionary, who, in co-operation with the committees of the Presbyteries embracing the field, may explore and ascertain the needs of our Presbyterian population in that region, such an appointment will meet with the cordial approval of the Synod.

The Committee appointed to propose the place for the next meeting of the Synod reported, recommending the North Church in the City of Buffalo, from which an invitation had been received.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. William S. Hubbell, the Pastor of the Church, the Pastors of the other Churches in the city, and an Elder from each Church, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

The following paper was adopted:

The Synod of New York, recognizing the fact that there is a large part of the population of this State not reached by the present methods of church work, and feeling the responsibility of seeking to evangelize these masses, and its guilt before our Divine Master if it passes them by; and believing that, according to our system of church government, Presbyteries are responsible not only for an episcopal oversight of their churches, but also, in connection with other evangelical denominations, for the territory and population in which they are placed, that these may be thoroughly evangelized; therefore,

Resolved, That it commends this work to the several Presbyteries, and asks their replies to the following questions, with a view to its inauguration:

1. Do you wish a more thorough exploration of your field with a view of organizing some method of reaching the unevangelized?

2. Is any new agency for a more thorough exploration needed, and if so, what?

3. Can this best be done by the respective Presbyteries alone, or in groups? And if in the latter way, of how many Presbyteries should a group consist?

4. Are you able and willing to meet the expense of such exploration? Or what method would you propose as the best for reaching the desired end?

The answers to these questions, and all other facts bearing upon the best way of helping feeble churches and inaugurating new work among those not evangelized, shall be considered by the Committee on Mission Work, which has been provided for by the Synod, and shall be reported upon at its next meeting.

The Rev. John McC. Holmes was designated as the Chairman of the Committee provided for in the report of the Committee on the Condition of the Churches and Mission Work.

The Committee appointed to nominate visitors to Union and Auburn Theological Seminaries, reported, recommending the following appointments:

For Union Seminary—The Rev. Messrs. John McC. Holmes, Henry A. Nelson, Charles Hawley, Charles E. Robinson, J. Aspinwall Hodge, T. Ralston Smith, L. Merrill Miller; and Elders Warner Van Norden, Edward P. Durant, Stephen M. Clement.

For Auburn Seminary—The Rev. Messrs. Charles S. Robinson, Nelson Millard, Wilson Phraner, Tryon Edwards, Augustus W. Cowles, Joseph R. Page; and Elders Edward North, David Cowee, Theodore S. Hubbard, Warner Van Norden.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee appointed to nominate the Permanent Committee on Temperance reported, recommending the following appointments, with a proviso that where the person named is not the Chairman of the Committee appointed by his Presbytery, the name of the latter shall be substituted:

The Rev. Messrs. James H. Ecob, Samuel Dunham, Charles C. Wallace, Theodore L. Cuyler, Henry Ward, William H. Allbright, Francis B. Hall, George D. Meigs, George C. Yeisley, Hiram W. Congdon, David Winters, J. Jermain Porter, Alfred P. Botsford, Epher Whitaker, William A. Rice, Peter D. Oakey, John M. Worrall, Hervey C. Hazen, Jeremiah Searle, Frank W. Townsend, Herman C. Riggs, L. Merrill Miller, William A. Niles, Edward G. Thurber, Teunis S. Hamlin, Robert L. Bachman, Rollin A. Sawyer.

The Committee farther recommended that the Rev. Peter Stryker be designated as the Chairman of the Committee.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Standing Committee on Sunday Schools presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That the Synod expresses its high appreciation of the earnest and systematic efforts of the Board of Publication, its secretaries and editors, and the Superintendent of Sunday School Work, to promote the study of God's Holy Word. We are happy to see a steady and evident improvement in the Sunday School publications of the Board, and commend them to all our schools as the safest and best helps for their work. We hope that all our ministers and people will endeavor to increase the circulation of these publications, thereby enabling the Board to supply them in ever increasing excellence, and at the smallest practicable cost.

2. That the effort of the Rev. James A. Worden to unite Sunday School teachers and others in the study of the Bible by correspondence be commended to the consideration of our ministers, teachers and people.

3. That attention be called to the "Supplementary Lessons" prepared under the direction of several of the Presbyteries. For more particular information concerning these, inquirers may be referred to the Rev. William A. Niles, of Hornellsville.

4. That Church Sessions be exhorted to regard the Sunday School as an important agency for Christian education, for the care of which they are officially responsible. That they may wisely fulfill this responsibility, they should personally be active in the work of the school; should take care that the congregation provide liberally for its proper expenses; and see that its instructions and exercises shall be not merely interesting, but wisely adapted means of grace.

5. That it be recommended to the Presbyteries that they give prominence in their meetings to the subject of Christian nurture in Sunday Schools and homes, endeavoring to encourage and help their people therein. The committee suggests Sunday School Institutes, under Presbyterial direction, as useful helps to Sunday School laborers.

6. That earnest and steady endeavor be made to establish the minds of the young in the principles and practice of temperance; also to form habits of thoughtful liberality in pecuniary offerings for the cause of God; and to make them intelligent as well as generous helpers of the benevolent work of their church.

7. That all Sunday School pupils be made acquainted with the system of doctrine contained in the Holy Scriptures, by their study of the Shorter Catechism.

8. That pastors, teachers and parents unite their endeavors, to the end that the Sunday School shall nowhere and never be a substitute for the church services conducted by the pastor; but an auxiliary to them, leading children to attend them, and helping them to profit by them.

9. Finally, that we seek, with more earnest and thoughtful prayer, for the abiding presence and saving power of the Holy Spirit in our Sunday Schools; remembering that, without these, the best managed and best appointed Sunday School is likely to rear a generation having the form of godliness without its power; knowing much about the Bible, but with no experimental saving knowledge of Christ.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented the following report:

That items to which the attention of the Synod would otherwise be called, have already been noticed by Committees appointed on the subjects to which these items refer. It is necessary to call attention only to the action of the Assembly, which the Committee does with great pleasure, constituting a new board, the "Presbyterian Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies," for the prosecution of a most important department of Church work. It is recommended to all the Churches of the Synod to place this Board among our other Church schemes, that it may receive like stated and generous contributions.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation was adopted.

The following Minute was adopted:

The Synod records its high appreciation of the service to the Church rendered by the American Tract Society, in itself an expression and bond of Christian unity, in its providing a most valuable body of evangelical literature, its aid to foreign missions, its grants of publications to the inmates of hospitals, asylums, and prisons, and to seamen, soldiers, and other needy classes, through pastors, home missionaries, chaplains and others, and in its missionary colportage among the interlying and outlying millions not connected with churches, and especially among the many-tongued immigrants at Castle Garden and throughout the country. The Society is hereby cordially commended to the churches in the hope that they will co-operate with it by their prayers and contributions.

The following Protest was presented, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

The undersigned, members of this Synod, respectfully protest against the action by which the Church of Naples was transferred from the Presbytery of Steuben to the Presbytery of Geneva, and for the following reasons:

1. It was fully shown to the Synod, that the Presbytery had no notice of any intention on the part of the Church to ask for such transfer, until the Overture of the Church to that effect was reported to the Synod by the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

2. The action of the Presbytery, consenting to the transfer, was taken at a meeting of the members of the Presbytery present at this meeting of the Synod, hastily called at the close of the session of the Synod at which the Committee's report had been made, which meeting was therefore necessarily a small one and was held in circumstances not favorable to a consideration of the matter so unexpectedly brought before the Presbytery.

We must, therefore, regard the action of the Synod as not fair to one of the parties interested in this transfer; and we are the more concerned about it, as tending to encourage a spirit of disregard of the rights and authority of the Presbyteries in their oversight of the churches.

LAWRENCE M. STEVENS,	CHARLES G. HIGBY,
ANTHONY W. COLVER,	JOHN M. BURT,
ALVIN COOPER,	JOHN WAUGH,
STANLEY D. JEWELL,	THEODORE B. WILLIAMS.

A recess was taken until half-past two o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, October 19th, 2.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Rochester presented the following report, which was adopted:

In view of the appointment by the Synod of a Judicial Commission to try an appeal from a decision of this Presbytery in which its records are involved, the committee recommends that no action upon them be taken at this meeting.

The Stated Clerk reported, that the Committee appointed last year to take such legal steps as the consolidation of the Synods may have rendered necessary, had, for various reasons, been unable to act.

The Committee appointed last year to procure any action on the part of the Legislature or the Regents of the University which may be needful to secure to the Synod, beyond question, the power to fulfill its trust in the matter of Elmira College, reported that no action had been taken.

The reports were accepted, and the Committees were discharged.

The Rev. Messrs. Carson W. Adams, J. Aspinwall Hodge and Elder Stephen M. Clement were appointed to nominate a Committee on Legal Steps, and a Committee to secure any needful legal action in reference to Elmira College.

The Standing Committee on the Narrative presented the Annual Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee on Standing Rules, appointed last year, presented a report recommending the adoption of the following

STANDING RULES.

I.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod shall begin on the Third Tuesday of October, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.

II.

The place of the next meeting shall be designated prior to the adjournment yearly.

A Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, who shall provide suitable accommodations for the Synod and entertainment for its members, recommend the limits of the daily sessions, and propose arrangements for devotional services; provided, however, that the morning sessions shall always be begun with devotional services, to be continued ordinarily for half an hour.

III.

The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall be a Standing Committee, to whom the ministers and ruling elders attending the sessions shall report themselves for enrollment, at a time to be designated by published notice. Members arriving after the opening of the Synod shall report in writing; and no names shall be added to the roll by announcement on the floor of the house.

IV.

The full names of ministers invited to sit as Corresponding Members, together with their Synodical or equivalent ecclesiastical relations, and their post-office addresses, shall be reported immediately, in writing, to the Stated Clerk.

V.

In case of the failure of the Moderator, the annual meeting shall be opened with a sermon by a minister of the Synod designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

VI.

A complete roll of the ministers and churches of each Presbytery shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, at least ten days before the annual meeting.

VII.

Each Presbytery shall present, in writing, early in the sessions of the Synod, a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes, for the year preceding, as required by the Form of Government, Chap. X., Sec. 9. These reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

VIII.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator at every annual meeting:

1. Bills and Overtures; to consist of six ministers and five elders.
2. Judicial Business; to consist of six ministers and five elders.
3. Minutes of the General Assembly; to consist of three ministers and two elders.
4. Finance; to consist of five elders.
5. Place of Next Meeting; to consist of four ministers and three elders.
6. Sunday School Work; to consist of six ministers and five elders.
7. Leave of Absence; to consist of three ministers and two elders.
8. To Nominate Committees to attend the examinations in Union and Auburn Theological Seminaries; to consist of four ministers and three elders.
9. To Nominate the Ladies' Synodical Committee on Home Missions; to consist of four ministers and three elders.
10. To Nominate the Permanent Committee on Temperance; to consist of four ministers and three elders.
11. To Nominate the Trustees and Examiners of Elmira Female College; to consist of four ministers and three elders.
12. On the Records of the several Presbyteries; each Committee to consist of two ministers and one elder.

Before the adjournment, a Committee on Systematic Beneficence and the Work of the Church, to consist of eight ministers and seven elders, shall be appointed, to report the next year. In addition to its general report, this Committee shall draft a brief Pastoral Letter to be sent down by the Synod to its Presbyteries and Churches.

IX.

1. At every annual meeting, one of the three classes of Trustees of the Elmira Female College, consisting of six or seven members as the case may be, shall be elected for a period of three years; and any vacancy which may have occurred in any class shall be filled.

2. The Reformed (Dutch), the Congregational, the Methodist Episcopal, the Protestant Episcopal, and the Baptist denominations, shall be represented, each by one member of the Board of Trustees, to be chosen by the Synod, as required by the charter.

3. Three ministers shall likewise be chosen for a period of three years, as members of a Board of nine Examiners, whose duty it shall be to visit the College at such times as they may agree upon, and examine its methods of instruction and discipline, as well as the general condition of the institution, and its adaptedness to the work entrusted to it. The Board shall appoint its own Chairman and Secretary, and shall present a written report annually to the Synod.

X.

In all cases not otherwise provided for by its own regulations, the Synod shall be governed in its proceedings by the General Rules for Judicatories appended to the Form of Government, as amended by the General Assembly.

XI.

All papers intended for Committees shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk and reported by him to the Synod before being referred.

XII.

In the case of extended reports, if they are to be recorded, the Stated Clerk shall have authority to condense, at his discretion, those portions which do not contain resolutions or recommendations adopted by the Synod, unless otherwise directed by vote of the Synod.

XIII.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish annually amounts proportioned respectively to the number of their communicants, according to a rate *per capita* determined at the previous meeting of the Synod. And if no action has been taken, the rate shall be six mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XIV.

The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay the salaries, and all charges incurred under the standing orders or special resolutions of the Synod, upon the certificate of the Stated Clerk; and his accounts and vouchers shall be presented at the annual meeting, and shall be audited by the Committee on Finance.

XV.

Vacancies occurring, between the annual sessions of the Synod, in any Committees whose members have been appointed to represent the Presbyteries, may be filled, *ad interim*, by the Presbyteries concerned.

XVI.

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister in the Synod, to every elder whose name is on the roll, and to the Session of each vacant Church.

The report was accepted, and the Standing Rules were adopted.

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee the following Legal Committees were appointed:

On Legal Steps required by the Consolidation of the Synods—William Allen Butler, Rev. Erskine N. White, John E. Parsons.

Elmira College Legal Committee—Guy H. McMaster, H. Boardman Smith, Rev. James M. Platt.

The report of the Judicial Commission, in Judicial Case No. 1, was taken from the docket and re-committed.

The Committees appointed to examine the Records of the Presbyteries of Genesee Valley and Otsego reported, recommending that they be approved as far as written.

The reports were adopted.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of Oroomiah reported that no volume of Minutes of that Presbytery had been placed in its hands; but that it had examined official copies of two meetings held September 7th, 1882, and June 27th, 1883, and recommended that these records be approved.

The report was adopted.

The Committees on Bills and Overtures and Judicial Business reported that they had no farther business to present.

The reports were accepted, and the Committees were discharged.

The following were appointed the Committee on Systematic Beneficence and the Work of the Church, to report next year: the Rev. Messrs. Wilson Phraner, Rufus S. Green, Erskine N. White, Amasa S. Freeman, Francis B. Wheeler, James M. Platt, William Irvin, James H. Taylor; and Elders Archibald McClure, Daniel Waterman, Frederick Blume, Daniel Carpenter, Solomon E. Smith, Theodore S. Hubbard, John H. Dey.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the bills for the incidental expenses of the Synod.

The Judicial Commission presented the following report:

The Judicial Commission respectfully reports, in regard to the appeal of Jonathan Chamberlain from a decision of the Presbytery of Rochester, that having examined the

case it finds involved, not only questions of irregularity, but also so many questions of fact, requiring the examination of voluminous reports of evidence, that it is impracticable for the Commission to issue the case and conduct it to a conclusion during the present sessions of the Synod. It therefore requests to be discharged, and recommends that another Commission be appointed, consisting of the following members: *Ministers*, William A. Niles, Edward B. Walsworth, William W. Totheroh, Maltbie D. Babcock, A. Parke Burgess, Cornelius S. Stowits; *Elders*, Thomas T. Flagler, James H. Loomis and Joseph H. Plumb; which Commission shall have power to issue the case and bring it to a decision at its earliest convenience; the Commission to have authority to fill any vacancies in its number that may occur.

The Commission farther reports that the counsel for the respective parties express their entire satisfaction with the appointment of the above named members of the proposed Commission.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that permission had been given to the following members of the Synod to retire before the close of its sessions:

Presbytery of Albany: Ministers — Webster W. Belden, Alexander Rankin, Horace C. Stanton, William R. Terrett, Raymond H. Stearns; Elders — Edward P. Durant, George R. Meneely, Samuel Anable.

Binghamton: Minister — Isaac G. Ogden; Elder — Adolphus F. Tanner.

Boston: Ministers — Henry M. Kellogg, Robert D. Sproull.

Brooklyn: Ministers — Benjamin B. Drake, Charles H. Taylor, Leander T. Chamberlain.

Buffalo: Ministers — Henry Ward, William S. Hubbell, Martin D. Kneeland, Giles H. Dunning; Elders — Melvin Montgomery, Theodore S. Hubbard.

Cayuga: Elder — Phineas B. Young.

Champlain: Ministers — Henry H. Lipes, Donald Macdougall.

Chemung: Ministers — Alexander O. Peloubet, Charles C. Carr, James B. Umberger; Elder — Hezekiah S. Berry.

Columbia: Minister — George C. Yeisley; Elder — Dwight P. Hull.

Genesee: Ministers — Edward B. Walsworth, E. Wilmot Cumings; Elders — William R. Halbert, Joseph E. Wilford.

Genesee Valley: Minister — Dwight K. Steele.

Hudson: Ministers — Slator C. Hepburn, Amasa S. Freeman, James C. Forsythe, Henry A. Harlow, James B. Fisher, John U. Tschudi, Robert H. Craig, Thomas C. Straus; Elders — Daniel Carpenter, John Helms, James Mitchell, Ebenezer Warner, Henry L. Pierson, Jr., Joseph W. Helme, Joseph B. Hadden, Oren C. Jaques.

Long Island: Ministers — Samuel Whaley, William H. Littell, William S. C. Webster, Frederick E. Allen; Elders — Isaac P. Foster, Stuart T. Terry, Gilbert H. Cooper, Selah B. Strong, Schuyler B. Horton.

Lyons: Minister — Allan D. Draper; Elder — Lewis H. Clark.

Nassau: Ministers — Lewis C. Lockwood, Peter D. Oakey, Arthur H. Allen, George H. Payson, Charles B. Chapin; Elder — William Kirby.

New York: Ministers — John M. Stevenson, Joseph J. Lampe, Henry T. Hunter, George W. Morrill; Elder — Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.

Niagara: Minister — John C. Henderson; Elder — U. Clark Rogers.

North River: Ministers — Francis B. Wheeler, Goodloe B. Bell, James O. Denniston, Theodore F. Burnham, Jesse F. Shafer, Thomas Reeves, Louis J. Lockwood; Elders — Alfred B. Smith, Charles E. Snyder, James H. Swift.

Otsego: Ministers — Horace H. Allen, Frank W. Townsend, Irving E. White, Frank H. Coffran.

Rochester: Ministers — Ferdinand DeW. Ward, Horace P. V. Bogue, William H. Millham, Newton H. Bell; Elder — Alfred C. Dodge, Jr.

St. Lawrence: Minister — Albert W. Allen.

Steuben: Elder — Zenas L. Parker.

Syracuse: Ministers — Edward G. Thurber, Benjamin B. Dayton, Vernon N. Yergin.

Troy: Ministers — Ninian B. Remick, Teunis S. Hamlin, Titus E. Davis, William H. Sybrandt; Elders — David C. Philip, Peter B. Ackert, Francis G. Crosby, David Bradt.

Utica: Minister — Nicholas W. Goertner; Elders — Ambrose W. Hill, Daniel Waterman.

Westchester: Ministers — Chauncey D. Rice, Charles J. Collins, Talmon C. Perry, Isaac L. Kip, Frederick S. Barnum, Thornton M. Niven, Anthony W. Colver, John Dixon, Henry A. Davenport, Manfred P. Welcher; Elders — Edward Wells, George M. Jaques, Richard R. Tyers, Henry M. Lester, David Travis, Henry White, Thomas Gilbert.

The report was accepted, and the Committee was discharged.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Siam was discharged, the Records of that Presbytery not having been presented.

The following resolutions were adopted, unanimously:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Synod are tendered to the Pastor and other officers of the Madison Square Church, to the Pastors and Elders on the Committee of Arrangements, and to the families who have opened their homes for the entertainment of the members, for their unwearied attention during this large gathering of the Synod.

Resolved, That we shall bear away the most delightful memories of the welcome received, and of the generous hospitality enjoyed by the Synod throughout its sessions.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are extended also to the several Railway and Steamboat Companies which have kindly reduced their fares for the accommodation of the members.

The roll was called, and the following members were recorded as having withdrawn from the sessions of the Synod without its permission:

Presbytery of Albany: Ministers — Timothy D. P. Stone, David M. Reeves, George Alexander, Timothy G. Darling, Isaac O. Rankin, Charles G. Matteson, Samuel R. Warrender; Elders — Augustus H. Pearsall, Charles O. Cross, James Calderwood, James M. Lasher, Willard J. Heacock.

Binghamton: Ministers — Sabin McKinney, William H. Gill, Stephen G. Hopkins, Edward W. Lake, William A. Beecher; Elders — Abel Stowell, George W. Burbank.

Boston: Ministers — John P. Watson, Peter M. Macdonald; Elder — Robert Gilchrist.

Brooklyn: Ministers — Theodore L. Cuyler, T. DeWitt Talmage, Samuel P. Halsey, James M. Ludlow, George M. McCampbell, Arthur Crosby, Archibald McCullagh, Joseph

G. Williamson, Jr.; Elders — Daniel W. Fish, Davis S. Giffing, James D. Lawrence, James Cruikshank, Horace Graves.

Buffalo: Ministers — Chalon Burgess, Morton F. Trippe; Elders — Henry Thomas, Joseph B. Sweet.

Cayuga: Ministers — Ezra A. Huntington, Samuel M. Hopkins; Elder — Gerrit L. Van Doren.

Champlain: Ministers — Chandler N. Thomas, Joseph Gamble, Augustus Frederick; Elders — Edward P. Morse, Martin V. B. Stetson.

Chemung: Ministers — Franklin S. Howe, Darius D. Lindsley, George D. Meigs, William H. Tracy; Elders — Edwin Weller, Henry M. Hillerman.

Columbia: Minister — Elias L. Boing.

Genesee: Elder — Edward C. Walker.

Geneva: Ministers — Alfred M. Stowe, Asher B. Temple, Lewis H. Morey, John McLachlan, Willard P. Gibson; Elders — Alexander Turnbull, James M. Garrison, Robert D. Peters.

Hudson: Ministers — Thomas Mack, David Beattie, James J. McMahon, John N. Husted, Charles W. Cooper, Charles H. Park, Charles Beattie, Theron Brittain, John Turner, John E. Lloyd, Thomas C. Beattie, Lee W. Beattie, Ferdinand Bernhardt, Robert E. Campbell; Elders — William B. Vail, Brewster J. Allison, Albert A. Seymour, William W. Wickham, Robert I. Crawford, William H. Rose, Asa Howell, John Heimroth.

Long Island: Ministers — Thomas Harries, Andrew Shiland, James B. Finch; Elder — Henry M. Rose.

Lyons: Ministers — Chauncey Francisco, A. Parke Burgess, Luther A. Ostrander, William A. Rice, William H. Bates; Elder — George W. Getman.

Nassau: Ministers — Samuel T. Carter, Clarence Geddes; Elders — Jarvis R. Rolph, Gerrit Smith, Robert Pierce.

New York: Ministers — S. Irenaeus Prime, William P. Strickland, Henry M. Field, Joseph A. Saxton, William G. T. Shedd, George L. Prentiss, Revilo J. Cone, Joseph Sanderson, Samuel W. Bailey, Francis H. Marling, Thomas S. Hastings, Henry B. Chapin, Charles S. Robinson, Charles A. Stoddard, Wendell Prime, Edward L. Clark, Albert G. Ruliffson, James D. Wilson, William W. Page, John R. Paxton, James H. Hoadley, Louis Wolferz, Alfred H. Moment, Edgar A. Elmore, Edward M. Deems, Henry J. Van Dyke, Jr., Francis Brown, Franklin B. Dwight, John H. Magowan; Elders — Robert McMurray, Alexander McIntyre, Thomas S. Strong, James M. Edgar, Joseph H. Allen, Henry D. Noyes, Walter Carter, James R. Cummings, Ezra M. Kingsley, Charles Sweeney, Edward W. Wygant, Moses W. Dodd.

Niagara: Minister — Maltbie D. Babcock.

North River: Ministers — William J. McCord, George P. Noble, William G. Westervelt, Augustus B. Prichard; Elders — Henry W. Peters, Albert Palmer, David Hamblin, Isaac P. Smith, George L. Richmond.

Otsego: Ministers — Pliny F. Sanborne, Henry U. Swinnerton, James H. Robinson, Frank H. Seeley; Elders — Thomas W. Browne, Rufus Eggleston.

Rochester: Ministers — Corliss B. Gardner, Newton J. Conklin, Frederick S. Crawford; Elders — Thomas A. Brown, Wilson R. Ballintine, Peter P. Campbell, Jr., Orimel Bigelow.

St. Lawrence: Ministers — John L. Gourlay, Jacob V. D. Shurts; Elders — Melville H. Thrall, Calvin T. Hulburd.

Steuben: Ministers — John Waugh, Benjamin F. Millard, William A. Niles; Elder — Lewis P. Wygant.

Syracuse: Ministers — David Torrey, George Hardy, David I. Biggar, Charles F.

Janes, Alfred H. Fahnestock, Naomi Tamura; Elders — William H. Chamberlain, S. Henry Davis, William F. Janes.

Troy: Ministers — Philander Barbour, John Lowrey, Henry W. Teller, Donald McGregor, Giles P. Hawley, George Fairlee, Charles E. Havens, William C. Brown, Charles Townsend; Elders — Ezra W. Boughton, James McFarland, Edward N. Dauchy, David Cowee.

Utica: Ministers — Benjamin W. Dwight, John W. Whitfield, James H. Taylor, Samuel Jessup; Elders — Seth K. Blair, Samuel L. Smith, James V. Comstock, Leander S. Wood.

Westchester: Ministers — George Nixon, Edgar L. Heermance, Joseph Greenleaf, Robert A. Davison, David A. Holbrook, Washington Choate, Willis W. Dowd, James H. Hoyt, Charles E. Allison; Elders — John H. Dey, Stanton Cady, Timothy S. Pinneo, Oliver R. Willis, David Brainard, Marvin R. Baxter, Edward Crosby, Harrison H. Travis, Josiah Rich, Sanford R. Knapp, Robert W. Lounsbury.

The minutes of this day's sessions were read and approved.

The Synod adjourned to meet in the NORTH CHURCH, in the CITY OF BUFFALO, on the third Tuesday (the 21st day) of October, A. D. 1884, at half past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer, praise, and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. WILFORD JACKS,
Permanent Clerk.

T. RALSTON SMITH,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I. THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE SYNOD OF NEW-YORK, A. D. 1883.

To the Churches embraced within the Synod of New-York:

Our survey of the whole field covered by the Synod has resulted in showing pretty clearly that most of the Churches, during the past year, have been busily and earnestly at work, that they are generally hopeful, and that they have experienced, on the whole, a small, but yet perceptible and healthy growth.

The special discouragements mentioned, in addition to a prevailing spirit of worldliness, are the daring encroachments made by Railways and Steamboat Companies upon the sanctity of the Sabbath day, and the depletion, through economical causes, of Churches once flourishing and strong, which are thus falling to the rear, and so swelling the list of those which are feeble or vacant. The number and the urgent wants of these Churches are attracting the anxious attention of many Presbyteries, and inciting them to special methods of relief. Here and there a Presbytery, like Albany and Binghamton, reports a decided falling off from last year's figures in the number of those received into fellowship, or in the total number registered. But these returns are more than offset by a very different report from others, as Cayuga, Geneva, Hudson, Nassau and North River. The Presbytery of Lyons reports one hundred welcomed into fellowship on profession of their faith in one Church at a single Communion.

The work of the churches is reported under the special divisions of benevolent contributions to the various boards and societies, labors in the Sunday School, missionary activity, ladies' organizations and industries, and efforts put forth to counteract intemperance; and in all these directions there appears a great deal of zeal and efficiency.

We are evidently improving in the matter of systematic benevolence, and system is increasing our gifts; and so where one Presbytery, like Columbia, is obliged to acknowledge a general falling off, the almost universal report is one of activity, hopefulness and increase, including such cheering returns as that of $2,000 increase for the year in Albany Presbytery; $900 for only four churches in the Presbytery of Geneva; over $3,000 from two churches in Otsego Presbytery; and the contributions in Westchester Presbytery doubled. The work of the Sunday School is vigorously prosecuted everywhere. The greater part of the Church is not only awake about missions, but is practically acknowledging more and more the sacred obligations of the holy enterprise; and few Presbyteries are without a good report to give about the busy beneficence and co-operation of Christian ladies in one or another form of organized effort.

In the few narratives that make particular mention of efforts to abate the vice of intemperance, while here and there, as in the Presbyteries of Hudson and Lyons, there appears

a decided leaning to political methods, it is encouraging to perceive a general and growing reliance upon the safer methods of the gospel. Niagara declares that most of her ministers do not incline to espouse any moral reform in any society outside of the Church. New York perceives that the only temperance with the germ of life and victory in it is gospel temperance. Geneva has found that little is to be accomplished in the warfare against intemperance but by the grace of God; while Genesee Valley is obliged to acknowledge a positive curse in the so-called Temperance Camp Meetings, which result in secularizing and disturbing the Sabbath day, and even indirectly promoting the very vice they are invoked to counteract.

A few Presbyteries make mention of tentative efforts to revive the zeal and activity and strength of the feeble and vacant churches through the agency of special committees, and evangelical visitation; but there does not yet appear to be any thoroughly matured and well concerted plan of prosecuting this work. Some Presbyteries, like Cayuga, have put in operation a plan of their own, with good results, while others are still in the stage of devising the means to be employed.

God has abundantly blessed the churches within the borders of our Synod with temporal prosperity, and has put it into the hearts of his people to honor Him with their wealth. As a result of this, we hear, from every quarter, of church debts canceled, and from several Presbyteries of churches repaired or remodeled, chapels opened, manses put in order, and new churches erected; the Presbytery of Geneva being conspicuous for this form of work.

In the matter of attendance upon the public services of religion, it is to be regretted that the evening congregations are so small as compared with those of the morning; and that we are without much assurance concerning the general observance of the Monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions. In Geneva Presbytery, about half the churches keep up this useful meeting. For the rest we cannot speak. But there is very good assurance of life and earnestness in most of the churches at the weekly meetings for social worship, and of attendance at the Sabbath morning services well sustained in most places, and increased in many.

Not more than six of the Presbyteries have anything to report of marked revival of the religious life. In Geneva Presbytery, particularly, the Spirit of God has breathed afresh upon some of the churches. But beyond this there has been no scene of rapid spiritual conquest, nor even of highly animated advance. Were it not for what we know of the Spirit's methods, and of the wonderful history of God's people, we should be ready to say, that the day of revivals is past. But we would guard against the inference from these remarks, that we think the life of the Church to be waning. There are such abundant evidences of steady spiritual growth, of undiminished reverence for the Scriptures and systematic study of the same, of increasing moral purity, of heightened religious aims, of prevailing Christian charity, and of the power of Christian love, as to close the minds of all reflecting people against the fears which unfriendly critics attempt to raise by their cool assumptions that religion itself is dying, and their confident assertions that all the great victories of the Cross of Christ are in the past.

By order of the Synod:

JAMES McLEOD,
Moderator.

T. RALSTON SMITH,
Stated Clerk.

II. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. The Presbytery of Albany reports that it consists of fifty-three ministers, and forty-seven churches, and has under its care one licentiate, and six candidates for the ministry.

Ministers have been received as follows:

December 20th, 1882, Rev. John D. Countermine, from the Presbytery of Niagara;

September 25th, 1883, Rev. Samuel R. Warrender, from the Presbytery of Hamilton, Canada.

Candidates have been licensed as follows:

February 14th, 1883, Mr. David B. Minor;

May 15th, Mr. Joseph R. Davis;

June 13th, Mr. Raymond Hoyt Stearns.

Four candidates have been taken under the care of the Presbytery.

The following pastoral relations have been dissolved:

October 18th, 1882, between Rev. Clarence W. Backus and the Church of Charlton;

December 20th, between Rev. Isaac O. Rankin and the Churches of Nassau and East Nassau;

March 19th, 1883, between Rev. Alexander S. Hoyt and the Church of Ballston Centre;

May 15th, between Rev. Henry A. Lewis and the Church of Carlisle;

June 12th, between Rev. Francis Dyer and the Church of Mayfield;

July 24th, between Rev. Albert W. Dickens and the Church of Stephentown;

September 25th, between Rev. Robert Ennis and the West End Church, Albany.

The following licentiates have been ordained:

May 16th, 1883, Mr. Joseph R. Davis;

September 26th, Mr. Raymond H. Stearns.

Installations have taken place as follows:

Decembers 20th, 1882, Rev. John D. Countermine, over the Sixth Church, Albany;

June 12th, 1883, Rev. Isaac O. Rankin, over the Church of Kingsboro;

September 25th, Rev. Henry A. Lewis, over the Church of Ballston Centre;

September 26th, Rev. Raymond H. Stearns, over the Church of Charlton.

The following ministers have been dismissed:

October 18th, 1882, Rev. Oliver Hemstreet, to the Presbytery of Troy;

February 14th, 1883, Rev. Willard P. Gibson, to the Presbytery of Geneva, and Rev. Giles P. Hawley, to the Presbytery of Troy;

March 19th, Rev. Alexander S. Hoyt, to the Presbytery of Rochester;

May 16th, Rev. Joseph R. Davis, to the Presbytery of Los Angeles;

July 24th, Rev. Albert W. Dickens, to the Presbytery of Troy;

September 25th, Rev. John H. Crum, to the Winona Conference of Congregational Ministers.

II. The Presbytery of Binghamton reports that it consists of twenty-six ministers and twenty-nine churches, and has under its care four licentiates, and three candidates.

The following ministers have been received:

October 18th, 1882, Rev. John L. Taylor, from the Presbytery of Denver;

April 17th, 1883, Rev. William H. Gill, from the Presbytery of Elizabeth;

June 7th, Rev. Cyrus L. Offer, from the Presbytery of Columbia;

September 19th, Rev. J. A. Kellogg, from the Congregational Association of Western New York.

April 18th, 1883, Messrs. John De Peu and William C. Brass were licensed to preach the gospel.

April 18th, 1883, one candidate for the ministry was received.

Pastoral relations have been dissolved as follows:

January 25th, 1883, between Rev. Nathan B. Knapp and the Church of Preble;

February 5th, between Rev. Jacob G. Miller and the Church of Marathon.

November 14th, 1882, Mr. John G. Blue was ordained to the ministry.

Installations have occurred as follows:

November 14th, 1882, Rev. John G. Blue, over the Church of McGrawville;

December 12th, Rev. G. Parsons Nichols, over the First Church of Binghamton;

June 7th, 1883, Rev. William H. Gill, over the Church of Owego.

The following have been dismissed:

November 14th, 1882, Rev. Andrew S. Carver, to the Presbytery of Trinity;

January 29th, 1883, Rev. Nathan B. Knapp, to the Presbytery of Rochester;

February 5th, Rev. Jacob G. Miller, to the Congregational Association of Dubuque, Iowa, and Rev. Luther A. Ostrander, to the Presbytery of Lyons.

April 18th, 1883, the name of Rev. William W. Palmer was dropped from the roll.

Rev. Peter Lockwood departed this life, November 16th, 1882, and Rev. Henry Benson, August 7th, 1883.

III. The Presbytery of Boston reports that it consists of thirty-six ministers and eighteen churches, and has under its care four candidates for the ministry.

The following ministers have been received:

April 11, 1883, Rev. John L. Scott, from the Presbytery of Westchester; Rev. Robert D. Sproull, from the Presbytery of Rochester; and Rev. Melville Smith, from the Congregational Association of Medina County, Ohio;

October 10th, Rev. Ferdinand Otto Zesch, from the Presbytery of Newark.

August 13th, 1883, Mr. Thomas Campbell Guy was licensed to preach the Gospel.

April 11th, 1883, Messrs. Hermann Wiemar and Ephraim Parvin were taken under the care of the Presbytery as candidates for the ministry.

Pastoral relations have been dissolved as follows:

April 11th, 1883, between Rev. William Brenton Greene, Jr., and the First Church of Boston;

May 16th, between Rev. Ira C. Tyson and the Church of Londonderry, and between the Rev. Augustus H. Hager and the German Church of Lawrence.

The following have been dismissed:

April 11th, 1883, Rev. William B. Greene, Jr., to the Presbytery of Philadelphia;

May 16th, Rev. Ira C. Tyson to the Presbytery of Alton, and the Rev. Augustus H. Hager to the New York Classis of the Reformed (Dutch) Church;

August 13th, Rev. Francis E. Marsten to the Presbytery of Columbus.

September 26th, 1883, licentiate Thomas C. Guy was dismissed to the care of the Presbytery of Red River.

October 10th, 1883, the names of Emil Behren and William F. Price were dropped from the roll of candidates for the ministry.

IV. The Presbytery of Brooklyn reports that it consists of forty-seven ministers, and twenty-one churches, and has under its care two licentiates and five candidates for the ministry.

The following ministers have been received:

Rev. George M. McCampbell from the Presbytery of Westchester, November 21st, 1882; Rev. Benjamin Parsons from the Presbytery of Geneva, January 21st, 1883; and Rev. Leander T. Chamberlain from the New London Congregational Association, October 8th.

Arnold Meury was licensed to preach the Gospel April 10th, 1883.

Clarence W. Rouse was taken under care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel ministry April 9th, 1883.

The following pastoral relations have been dissolved:

Between Rev. David R. Frazer and the Classon Avenue Church, January 21st, 1883;
Between Rev. Samuel P. Halsey and the Franklin Avenue Church, July 12th;
Between Rev. Adam McClelland and the Fort Greene Church, September 22d.

The following ministers have been installed:

Rev. John G. Hehr as Associate Pastor of the First German Church, October 20th, 1882;

Rev. George M. McCampbell as pastor of the First Church, Edgewater, Staten Island, November 23d;

Rev. Leander T. Chamberlain as pastor of the Classon Avenue Church, October 11th, 1883.

The following have been dismissed:

Rev. Samuel A. Harlow to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and Rev. Isaac S. Davison to the Presbytery of Westchester, April 9th, 1883;

Rev. David R. Frazer to the Presbytery of Newark, January 21st, 1883.

Licentiate Arnold Meury was dismissed to the care of the Classis of South Bergen, N. J., June 2d, 1883.

Rev. Elizur H. Pratt entered into his heavenly rest July 4th, 1883, at Durham, New York.

December 20th, 1882, the Second Church and the Clinton Street Church were united under the name of the Second Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn; the Rev. Messrs. Henry J. Van Dyke and Arthur Crosby to be colleague pastors.

V. The Presbytery of Buffalo reports that it consists of forty-three ministers, and thirty-three churches, and has under its care one licentiate and four candidates.

The following ministers have been received:

July 6th, 1883, Rev. Giles H. Dunning from the Presbytery of Cayuga;

October 2d, Rev. Herbert D. Cone from the Presbytery of Huntingdon, and Rev. Albert B. Robinson from the Presbytery of Maumee.

On the 2d of October, 1883, Mr. Marco Popoff and Mr. Pavel Todoroff were taken under the care of Presbytery as candidates for the ministry.

The following pastoral relations have been dissolved:

December 14th, 1882, between Rev. W. Alfred Gay and the Breckenridge Street Church, Buffalo;

April 10th, 1883, between Rev. Edwin S. Wright and the Church of Ripley;

May 3d, between Rev. Cornelius S. Stowits, and the Church of Westfield.

On the 8th of July, 1883, Mr. William F. Faber was ordained an evangelist.

The following ministers have been installed:

October 27th, 1882, Rev. Martin D. Kneeland as pastor of the church in Fredonia;

September 18th, 1883, Rev. Giles H. Dunning as pastor of the Breckenridge Street Church, Buffalo;

October 11th, Rev. Herbert D. Cone as pastor of the church of Ripley.

Ministers have been dismissed as follows:

December 14th, 1882, Rev. Oliver H. Chapin to the Presbytery of Shanghai, China;

April 10th, 1883, Rev. Abner D. Olds to the Congregational Association of Western New York, and the Rev. Irving I. St. John to the Presbytery of New Albany;

May 3d, Rev. Cornelius S. Stowits to the Presbytery of Niagara.

On the 25th of May, 1883, licentiate Charles Townsend was transferred to the care of the Presbytery of Troy.

The name of Rev. Charles Crocker, marked "in transitu" in the last Assembly Minutes, was dropped from the roll on information being received of his death.

Rev. John M. Ballou, of Clarence, died December 9th, 1882, aged 76; and Rev. Charles S. Blodgett, pastor of the church in Clarence, April 27th, 1883, aged 26.

A church duly organized at Allegany, N. Y., on the 28th of January, 1883, and known as "the Church of Allegany and Corn Planter Reservations," was received and enrolled April 10th, 1883.

VI. The Presbytery of Cayuga reports that it consists of twenty-eight ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care eleven licentiates and sixteen candidates.

The following ministers have been received:

October 31st, 1882, Rev. Wilson F. Cellars, from the Presbytery of Marion;

April 11th, 1883, Rev. Ormund W. Wright, from the Presbytery of Larned;

October 2d, Rev. Allen G. Daniels, from the Presbytery of Niagara.

Candidates licensed:

April 11th, 1883, John C. Lenhart, William H. Kelley, James W. Seelye, Alfred T. Vail, Duncan Cameron, Arthur W. Spooner, Albert R. Crawford, Harold J. Frothingham.

October 2d, licentiate William A. Service, was received from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery:

October 31st, 1882, John C. Lenhart, Alfred T. Vail, Charles H. Phillips, Duncan Cameron, William H. Kelley, James W. Seelye;

April 11th, 1883, Harold J. Frothingham;

May 10th, Henry F. Gilt.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

April 10th, 1883, between Rev. Joel S. Jewell and the First Church of Genoa;

April 11th, between Rev. M. Woolsey Stryker and the Church of Ithaca, and between Rev. Edwin Benedict and the Second Church of Genoa;

July 3d, between Rev. Giles H. Dunning and the Church of Dryden.

Ordinations:

October 2d, 1883, William A. Service;

October 3d, William S. Jerome.

Installations:

October 2d, 1883, Rev. William A. Service, over the Church of Springport;
October 3d, Rev. William S. Jerome, over the First Church of Genoa.

Ministers dismissed:

April 11th, 1883, Rev. M. Woolsey Stryker, to Hampton County, (Mass.) Congregational Association;
May 10th, Rev. James A. Wright, to the Presbytery of Catawba;
July 3d, Rev. Giles H. Dunning, to the Presbytery of Buffalo;
September 18th, Rev. William Aikman, to the Presbytery of West Jersey, and Rev. Joel S. Jewell, to the Central Congregational Conference of Minnesota.

Licentiates dismissed:

April 10th, 1883, Charles H. Smith, to the care of the Presbytery of Otsego;
April 11th, Albert R. Crawford, to the care of the Presbytery of Utah;
May 10th, James B. Umberger, to the care of the Presbytery of Chemung;
July 3d, Granville R. Pike, to the care of the Presbytery of Syracuse;
September 18th, J. Perry Beaver, to the care of the Presbytery of Columbia, William H. Tracy, to the care of the Presbytery of Chemung, and Newton L. Reed, to the care of the Presbytery of Hudson;
October 2d, Edwin P. Thompson, to the care of the Presbytery of Logansport.

VII. The Presbytery of Champlain reports that it consists of nineteen ministers and seventeen churches.

Ministers received:

February 20th, 1883, Rev. Henry H. Lipes, from the Presbytery of Bloomington;
June 20th, Rev. A. L. Green, from the Black River and St. Lawrence Association of Congregational Churches.

Licentiates received:

February 21st, 1883, Joseph F. Flindt, from the Presbytery of Westchester, and Donald Macdougall, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 25th, 1882, between Rev. Chandler N. Thomas and the Church of Fort Covington;
February 21st, 1883, between Rev. Benjamin Merrill and the Church of Ausable Forks and Black Brook;
May 2d, between Rev. Augustus Frederick and the Church of Chateaugay.

Ordinations:

February 21st, 1883, Joseph F. Flindt and Donald Macdougall.

Installations:

May 1st, 1883, Rev. Henry H. Lipes, over the Church of Mineville;
June 29th, Rev. Thornton A. Mills, over the Church of Champlain.

Ministers dismissed:

October 18th, 1882, Rev. Thomas A. Hamilton, to the Presbytery of Hastings;
October —th, Rev. C. H. A. Bulkley, to the Presbytery of Washington City;
September 21st, 1883, Rev. James W. Hillman, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

February 21st, 1883, on notice from the Presbytery of Grand Forks, that licentiate G.

S. Baskerville had been received and ordained by it without formal dismission from this Presbytery, his name was stricken from the roll.

June 12th, 1883, the Church in Ellenburgh was disbanded by a Commission of the Presbytery.

VIII. The Presbytery of Chemung reports that it consists of twenty-seven ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care four candidates for the ministry.

On the 3d of January, 1883, Rev. George D. Meigs was received from the Presbytery of Wellsboro, and installed pastor of the Church of Watkins.

On the 25th of February, Rev. Darius D. Lindsley was installed pastor of the Franklin Street Church of Elmira.

On the 16th of April, Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey was received from the Presbytery of Westchester, and Rev. Jacob K. Warner from the Presbytery of East Florida.

On the same day, Rev. Milton Waldo was dismissed to the Presbytery of East Florida, Rev. Samuel B. Stevenson, to the Presbytery of Erie, Rev. Erastus W. Twichell, to the Presbytery of Niagara, and Rev. Elijah B. Wells, to the Presbytery of Highland.

On the 17th of April, the pastoral relation between Rev. Nathan Bosworth and the Church of Dundee was dissolved.

On the 24th of April, Rev. John C. Calnon was received from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

On the 17th of September, licentiate James B. Umberger was received from the Presbytery of Cayuga, and on the 18th of September, was ordained as an evangelist.

On the 2d of October, Rev. John McMaster was received from the Presbytery of Lackawanna, and licentiate William Henry Tracy was received from the Presbytery of Cayuga, ordained, and installed pastor of the Church of Dundee.

On the 25th of May, Rev. Charles Chapman departed this life, aged seventy-nine years.

On the 17th of September, Rev. William E. Knox departed this life, aged 62 years and eleven months.

IX. The Presbytery of Columbia reports that it consists of fifteen ministers and twenty churches, and has under its care one licentiate, and one candidate for the ministry.

Ministers received:

May 2, 1883, Rev. Robert H. Wilkinson, from the Presbytery of Long Island, and Rev. George O. Phelps, from the Presbytery of New York.

Licentiates received:

May 1, 1883, William S. Long, from the Presbytery of Chester;
September 19, J. Perry Beaver, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Henry G. Coan, a candidate for the ministry, was received September 19, from the Presbytery of Wooster.

May 30, 1883, licentiate William S. Long was ordained to the ministry.

Installations:

May 29, 1883, Rev. Robert H. Wilkinson, over the Church of Hunter;
June 12th, Rev. George O. Phelps, over the Church of Valatie.

Ministers dismissed:

May 2d, 1883, Rev. Robert E. Wilson, to the Presbytery of Monmouth, and Rev. Samuel Carlile, to the Presbytery of Jersey City;

May 5th, Rev. Cyrus L. Offer, to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

September 19th, Rev. Benjamin D. B. Wyckoff, to the Presbytery of Allahabad.

Rev. George W. Warner, at the time Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, departed this life February 15th, 1883.

X. The Presbytery of Genesee reports that it consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty-three churches.

The following ministers have been received:

October 11th, 1882, Rev. William W. Totheroh, from the Presbytery of Chester;

April 9th, 1883, Rev. Edward B. Walsworth, from the Presbytery of Niagara;

April 10th, Rev. Welton M. Modesitt, from the Congregational Association of the Wabash Valley;

September 11th, Rev. John H. Perkins, from the Presbytery of Niagara.

October 24th, 1882, licentiate Horace T. Chadsey, was received from the Central Congregational Association of New York.

The following ministers have been dismissed:

April 9th, 1883, Rev. Benjamin Parsons, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and Rev. Lyman E. Hanna, to the Presbytery of Red River;

September 10th, Rev. Charles W. Remington, to the Presbytery of Red River.

October 11th, 1882, Rev. William W. Totheroh was installed over the Church of Le Roy.

October 24th, licentiate Horace T. Chadsey, was ordained and installed over the Church of East Pembroke.

The Rev. Dugald D. McColl, died suddenly, aged 63, at Le Roy, October 2d, 1883.

XI. The Presbytery of Genesee Valley reports that it consists of twelve ministers and fifteen churches.

Rev. William Ingleby was received, September 11th, 1883, from the Free Methodist Church.

Licentiate Charles P. Luce has been received from the Presbytery of Syracuse, and licentiate Robert R. Watkins from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

The pastoral relation between Rev. John C. Taylor and the Church of Cuba was dissolved January 4th, 1883.

Licentiate Robert R. Watkins was ordained November 25th, 1882, and licentiate Charles P. Luce, July 12th, 1883.

The following installations have taken place:

Rev. Robert R. Watkins, over the Church of Franklinville, November 25th, 1882;

Rev. David McLeod, over the Church of Angelica, May 8th, 1883;

Rev. Charles P. Luce, over the Church of Cuba, July 12th, 1883.

The Rev. John C. Taylor was dismissed, September 11th, 1883, to the Presbytery of Osage.

XII. The Presbytery of Geneva reports that it consists of thirty-five ministers and twenty-one churches, and has under its care two licentiates and three candidates.

Ministers received:

April 17th, 1883, Rev. Willard P. Gibson, from the Presbytery of Albany, and Rev. George R. Smith from the Presbytery of Syracuse;

September 19th, Rev. George N. Smith, from the Presbytery of Pueblo.

April 17th, 1883, L. Mason Clark was taken under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the the ministry.

June 23d, 1883, the pastoral relation of Rev. Daniel A. Blose to the Church of Dresden was dissolved.

April 17th, 1883, Rev. John D. English was dismissed to the Presbytery of Niagara;

September 19th, Rev. Daniel A. Blose was dismissed to the Presbytery of Council Bluffs.

September 19th, 1883, Henry A. Porter, a licentiate, was dismissed to the care of the Presbytery of Nassau.

XIII. The Presbytery of Hudson reports that it consists of forty-three ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care three candidates.

On the 5th of June, 1883, Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald was received from the Presbytery of Newton, and Rev. Hugh B. McCauley, from the Presbytery of Jersey City.

On the 17th of October, Rev. Lee W. Beattie was received from the Presbytery of North River; Rev. Robert E. Campbell, from the Presbytery of Paducah; and Rev. Ferdinand Bernhardt, from the United German Church in Hesse Darmstadt.

On the 18th of September, 1883, Mr. John S. Callbreath was taken under the care of the Presbytery, as a candidate for the ministry.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

On the 20th of March, 1883, between Rev. Stephen D. Noyes and the Second Church of Florida;

On the 17th of April, between Rev. James M. Dickson and the Goodwill Church, and between Rev. Hein W. Seibert and the German Church of Jeffersonville;

On the 5th of June, between Rev. Asahel L. Clark and the First Church of Florida.

On the 5th of June, 1883, Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald was installed pastor of the Church of Mount Hope.

Ministers dismissed:

On the 20th of March, 1883, Rev. Stephen D. Noyes, to the Reformed Classis of Kingston, and Rev. David McLeod, to the Presbytery of Genesee Valley;

On the 17th of April, Rev. George H. Wallace, to the Presbytery of Monroe, Rev. Luther Littell, to the Presbytery of Lansing, Rev. James M. Dickson, to the Reformed Classis of New-York, and Rev. Hein W. Seibert, to the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

On the 15th of May, 1883, licentiate John J. Thompson was dismissed to the care of the Presbytery of Alton.

XIV. The Presbytery of Long Island reports that it consists of twenty-two ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care three candidates.

On the 1st of March, 1883, Mr. Arthur Newman was received as a licentiate from the Presbytery of New-York, and ordained and installed pastor of the Church of Bridgehampton.

April 19th, 1883, Rev. Robert H. Wilkinson was dismissed to the Presbytery of Columbia.

June 27th, 1883, Rev. George R. Garretson was received from the Reformed Classis of Poughkeepsie, and installed pastor of the Church of Mattituck.

September 13th, 1883, Rev. James M. Simonton was dismissed to the Presbytery of Northumberland.

Rev. Andrew Shiland was released from the pastoral care of the Church of Southampton, on and after the first Sabbath of November, 1883.

Rev. Samuel Dodd was dismissed to the Presbytery of New-York, September 13th, 1883.

XV. THE PRESBYTERY OF LYONS reports that it consists of sixteen ministers and eighteen churches, and has under its care three candidates.

April 10th, 1883, Rev. Luther A. Ostrander was received from the Presbytery of Binghamton, and September 11th, Rev. William G. Hubbard, from the Presbytery of Rochester.

May 11th, 1883, Rev. Luther A. Ostrander was installed pastor of the Church of Lyons.

October 19th, 1882, Rev. Eugene G. Cheeseman was dismissed to the Presbytery of Saginaw; April 10th, 1883, Rev. William B. Dada, to the Columbus Congregational Association, Nebraska; and September 11th, Rev. A. Augustus Wood and Rev. Silas McKinney, to the Presbytery of Rochester.

XVI. THE PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU reports that it consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty-three churches.

Ministers received:

March 1st, 1883, Rev. Charles B. Chapin, from the Presbytery of Jersey City;

April 10th, Rev. John F. Shaw, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

October 2d, 1883, licentiate Henry A. Porter was received from the Presbytery of Geneva.

August 18th, 1883, Rev. Edwin Brown was released from the pastoral care of the Green Lawn Church.

October 15th, 1883, licentiate Henry A. Porter was ordained.

Installations:

March 1st, 1883, Rev. Charles B. Chapin, over the Freeport Church;

April 18th, Rev. John F. Shaw, over the Church of Northport;

October 15th, Rev. Henry A. Porter, over the Church of Smithtown.

Ministers dismissed:

August 18th, 1883, Rev. Edwin Brown, to the Presbytery of Osage, and Rev. Franklin Noble, to the Genesee Conference of Congregational Churches;

October 2d, Rev. Charles Symington, to the Naugatuck Valley Association.

Rev. James Sinclair died at Smithtown Branch, L. I., February 6th, 1883.

XVII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK reports that it consists of one hundred and twenty-six ministers and thirty-eight churches, and has under its care twenty-two licentiates and eight candidates.

Ministers received:

November 13th, 1882, Rev. James Chambers, from the Oneida, Chenango and Delaware Congregational Association;

December 11th, Rev. Henry J. Van Dyke, Jr., from the Rhode Island Association of Congregational ministers;

January 8th, 1883, Rev. George Saul, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;

February 12th, Rev. Revilo J. Cone, from the Presbytery of Westchester;

May 14th, Rev. William H. Belden, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna, and Rev. Allen F. DeCamp, from the Berkshire South Association of Massachusetts;

June 11th, Rev. Reading B. Johns, from the Presbytery of Cleveland.

Licensed:

March 12th, 1883, Nicholas Bjerring;

May 14th, Robert J. Service, Augustus R. Bickenback, David W. Hutchinson, Vincent Pisek, Franklin B. Dwight, Earle T. Lockwood, Paul Van Dyke, James Walter Lowrie, James D. Paxton.

June 11th, John Hall Magowan and William D. Buchanan.

Candidates taken under care of the Presbytery:

November 13th, 1882, David W. Hutchinson, and June 11th, 1883, John Hall Magowan.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

November 13th, 1882, between Rev. George O. Phelps and the Allen Street Church;

December 15th, between Rev. Alexander McKelvey and the Canal Street Church;

January 8th, 1883, between Rev. Charles A. Stoddard and the Washington Heights Church;

June 11th, between Rev. Robert R. Booth and the University Place Church;

July 9th, between Rev. William M. Paxton and the First Church;

October 8th, between Rev. Albert Van Deusen and the First Union Church.

Ordinations:

Hugh Pritchard, November 23d, 1882;

Philip Jeblick, January 15th, 1883;

Augustus R. Bickenback, and Vincent Pisek, May 14th;

Franklin B. Dwight, May 27;

James Walter Lowrie, June 3d; all as evangelists;

John Hall Magowan, June 24.

Installations:

Rev. James Chambers over the Calvary Church, November 24th, 1882;

Rev. Philemon R. Day, over the Seventh Church, April 29th, 1883;

Rev. Allen F. DeCamp, over the Washington Heights Church, June 3d;

Rev. Reading B. Johns, over the Shiloh Church, June 17th;

Rev. John Hall Magowan, over the Canal Street Church, June 24th.

Ministers dismissed:

November 13th, 1883, Rev. Harvey Shaw, to take part in the organization of a Presbytery in Northern Mexico, and Rev. William R. Scarritt, to the Presbytery of Topeka;

December 11th, Rev. Alexander McKelvey to the Classis of Paramus;

April 9th, 1883, Rev. George Van Deurs to the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia;

April 16th, Rev. George O. Phelps to the Presbytery of Columbia;

June 11th, Rev. Thomas J. May to the Presbytery of Puget Sound, and Rev. Augustus R. Bickenback to the Presbytery of Oregon.

Licentiates transferred:

Arthur Newman to the care of the Presbytery of Long Island, February 4th, 1883;

Oliver C. Morse to the care of the Presbytery of Cleveland, March 12th;

Robert J. Service to the care of the Presbytery of St. Paul, May 29th:

Thomas C. Hall to the care of the Presbytery of Omaha, July 20th.

Deaths:

Rev. John B. Pinney, at Ocala, Fla., December 25th, 1882, aged 76;

Rev. Edward D. Smith, in New York, March 28th, 1883, in his 81st year;

Rev. Charles Fanning, in New York, April 24th, in his 60th year;
Rev. Charles D. Maclaren, at Bankok, Siam, March 4th, in his 29th year;
Rev. Edwin Francis Hatfield, at Summit, N. J., September 22d, in his 77th year.

On the 9th of April, 1883, the name of John A. McColl was dropped from the roll of licentiates, he having been ordained by a Congregational body.

XVIII. The Presbytery of Niagara reports that it consists of twenty-three ministers and eighteen churches, and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate.

Ministers received:

April 23d, 1883, Rev. Geo. F. Cain, from the Presbytery of Northumberland; Rev. Erastus W. Twichell, from the Presbytery of Chemung, and Rev. Hervey C. Hazen, from the Presbytery of Syracuse;
May 10th, Rev. Cornelius S. Stowits, from the Presbytery of Buffalo;
September 24th, Rev. Edward P. Gardner, from the Ontario Congregational Association.

Licentiate received:

September 24th, 1883, Orson L. White, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

October 24th, 1882, between Rev. Edward B. Walsworth and the Church at Albion, and between Rev. John D. Countermine and the Church at Medina;
April 24th, 1883, between Rev. Allen G. Daniels and the Church at Lyndonville.

October 24th, 1882, John C. Henderson was ordained as an evangelist.
May 10th, 1883, Rev. George F. Cain was installed pastor of the Church at Albion.

Ministers dismissed:

October 24th, 1882, Rev. John D. Countermine to the Presbytery of Albany;
April 7, 1883, Rev. Edward B. Walsworth to the Presbytery of Genesee, and Rev. John S. Bacon to the Presbytery of Steuben;
September 24th, Rev. Allen G. Daniels to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

XIX. The Presbytery of North River reports that it consists of forty-five ministers and thirty-two churches, and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate.

Ministers received:

October 2d, 1883, Rev. James Wyckoff, from the Classis of Hudson;
October 10th, Rev. William B. Darrach, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Licentiates received:

April 17th, 1883, David B. McMurdy, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick;
May 22d, J. Cowles Andrus, from the New Haven East Association;
October 2d, George L. Richmond, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 13th, 1882, between Rev. John L. Scott and the Church of Matteawan;
December 19th, between Rev. R. Howard Wallace and the Church of Little Britain; and between Rev. Sylvanus N. Hutchison and the Church of Pleasant Plains;
July 31st, 1883, between Rev. Thomas Reeves and the Church of Kingston;
October 2d, between Rev. William N. Sayre and the Church of Pine Plains; and between Rev. James O. Denniston and the Church of Wappinger's Falls.

Ordinations:

May 22d, 1883, David B. McMurdy;
June 26th, J. Cowles Andrus;
October 2d, Lee W. Beattie as an evangelist;
October 10th, George L. Richmond.

Installations:

May 22d, 1883, Rev. David B. McMurdy over the Church of Highland Falls;
June 6th, Rev. Louis J. Lockwood over the Church of Pleasant Plains;
June 26th, Rev. J. Cowles Andrus over the Lloyd Church;
October 10th, Rev. George L. Richmond over the Church of Little Britain.

Ministers dismissed:

December 19th, 1882, Rev. Albert S. Mays to the Presbytery of Philadelphia; and Rev. John L. Scott to the Presbytery of Boston;

May 22d, 1883, Rev. Sylvanus N. Hutchison to the Presbytery of Newton;

October 2d, Rev. Lee W. Beattie to the Presbytery of Hudson; and Rev. Alexander W. Merwin to the Presbytery of Chili, S. A.

XX. The Presbytery of Oroomiah reports that it consists of thirteen ministers, and has under its care twenty candidates for the ministry.

XXI. The Presbytery of Otsego reports that it consists of twenty-six ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care one licentiate.

October 18th, 1882, Rev. David M. Rankin was received from the Presbytery of Niagara, and Rev. Frank H. Coffran from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

April 25th, 1883, licentiate Charles Hudson Smith was received from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

On the same date the pastoral relation between Rev. John M. Chase and the Church of Worcester was dissolved.

On the same date licentiate Charles Hudson Smith was ordained.

January 22d, 1883, Rev. Charles S. Barrett was dismissed to the Presbytery of Baltimore, and September 12th, Rev. John M. Chase to the Presbytery of Benicia.

XXII. The Presbytery of Rochester reports that it consists of sixty-seven ministers and forty-two churches, and has under its care two licentiates and six candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received:

October 25th, 1882, Rev. George Craig, from the Presbytery of Utica; Rev. John M. Carmichael, from the Winnebago District Convention of Wisconsin; and Rev. Alfred K. Bates, from the Presbytery of Zanesville;

November 6th, Rev. James Pierpont, from the Presbytery of Benicia;

November 23d, Rev. Sybrandt Nelson, from the Presbytery of Syracuse;

March 5th, 1883, Rev. David H. Laverty, from the Presbytery of Bellefontaine;

April 10th, Rev. Alexander S. Hoyt, from the Presbytery of Albany, and Rev. Nathan B. Knapp, from the Presbytery of Binghamton;

September 18th, Rev. A. Augustus Wood and Rev. Silas McKinney, from the Presbytery of Lyons.

Licentiate Evan R. Evans was received from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Rufus Foster Hubbard was received as a candidate, April 10th, 1883.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

Between Rev. Alexander McA. Thorburn and the Church at Ogden, November 6th, 1882;

Between Rev. William F. Millikan and the Church at Chili, November 23d;

Between Rev. William G. Hubbard and the Church at Parma Centre, December 18th;

Between Rev. Thomas E. Babb and the Church at Victor, June 18th, 1883;

Between Rev. Alfred K. Bates and the Church at Lima, October 2d.

June 18th, 1883, Theodore S. Day was ordained as an evangelist;

October 2d, Evan R. Evans was ordained as an evangelist.

Installations:

Rev. Alfred K. Bates, over the Church at Lima, October 25th, 1882;

Rev. John M. Carmichael, over the Church at Caledonia, November 15th;

Rev. Theodore B. Williams, over the Church at Charlotte, March 13th, 1883;

Rev. William F. Millikan, over the Churches at Tuscarora and Union Corners, March 20th;

Rev. Alexander S. Hoyt, over the Church at Ogden, May 15th;

Rev. David H. Laverty, over the Church at Wheatland, May 21st.

Ministers dismissed:

Rev. Alexander McA. Thorburn, to the Presbytery of Syracuse, November 6th, 1882;

Rev. Eneas McLean, to the Presbytery of Wisconsin River, and Rev. Robert D. Sproull, to the Presbytery of Boston, March 5th, 1883;

Rev. James Pierpont, to the Presbytery of Benicia, April 10th;

Rev. William G. Hubbard, to the Presbytery of Lyons, June 18th;

Rev. Theodore S. Day, to the Presbytery of Pueblo, September 18th;

Rev. Alfred K. Bates, to the Presbytery of Council Bluffs, October 2d.

Rev. George McCartney, died at Banks, Michigan, November 6th, 1882, in the 70th year of his age.

The name of the church formerly known as West Mendon has been changed to Honeoye Falls.

The Church at Penfield was declared extinct, June 18th, 1883.

The Church at Concepcion, Chili, S. A., was tranferred to the Presbytery of Chili, September 18th, 1883.

XXIII. The Presbytery of St. Lawrence reports that it consists of twenty-six ministers and thirty churches, and has under its care three licentiates and one candidate.

Ministers received:

Rev. Albert W. Allen and Rev. George B. Stevens, from the Congregational body, February 1st, 1883;

Rev. Joseph Brown, from the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, on probation;

Rev. John E. Beecher, from the Presbytery of Winona, September 26th;

Rev. James W. Hillman, from the Presbytery of Champlain, October 2d.

George T. Walker was received as a licentiate from the Presbytery of Brockville, Canada, April 4th, 1883;

Murray H. Gardner was received as a candidate, April 5th.

Rev. Henry M. Dodd was released from the pastoral charge of the churches of Dexter and Brownville, September 3d, 1883.

October 2d, 1883, licentiate John H. Gardner was ordained;
October 8th, licentiate George T. Walker was ordained.

Installations:

February 1st, 1883, Rev. George B. Stevens, over the First Church of Watertown;
February 13th, Rev. Albert W. Allen, over the Church of Sackett's Harbor;
October 2d, Rev. John H. Gardner, over the Second Oswegatchie Church;
October 8th, Rev. George T. Walker, over the Church of Oxbow.

Rev. Henry M. Dodd was dismissed to the Presbytery of Utica, September 3d, 1883.

Licentiate William A. Service was transferred to the care of the Presbytery of Cayuga, September 26th.

XXIV. The Presbytery of Siam reports that it consists of seven ministers and eight churches, and has under its care four licentiates and two candidates for the ministry.

XXV. The Presbytery of Steuben reports that it consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty churches, and has under its care one candidate for the ministry.

Ministers received:

Rev. John S. Bacon, from the Presbytery of Niagara, April 18th, 1883;
Rev. Charles M. Livingston, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, October 2d.

Rev. Samuel W. Pratt was dismissed to the Presbytery of Monroe, August 27th, 1883.

The Church of Naples was transferred to the Presbytery of Geneva by act of the Synod, October 18th, 1883.

XXVI. The Presbytery of Syracuse reports that it consists of thirty-three ministers and thirty-five churches, and has under its care one candidate for the ministry.

Ministers received:

Rev. Samuel J. Rowland, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Rev. John L. Jones, from the Presbytery of Council Bluffs, and Rev. Alexander McA. Thorburn, from the Presbytery of Rochester, April 10th, 1883;
Rev. George Hardy, from the Oneida Congregational Association, June 5th.

J. Warner Fobes was licensed to preach the gospel, April 10th, 1883.

Licentiate Granville R. Pike was received from the Presbytery of Cayuga, July 17th, 1883.

Ordinations:

Licentiates Carlos H. Stone and J. Warner Fobes, June 5th, 1883;
Licentiate Granville R. Pike, July 17th.

Installations:

Rev. George Hardy, over the Church of Manlius, and Rev. Samuel J. Rowland, over the Church of Fayetteville, June 5th, 1883;
Rev. Granville R. Pike, over the Church of Elbridge, July 17th.

Ministers dismissed:

Rev. James A. Skinner, to the Presbytery of Lyons, April 9th, 1883;
Rev. George R. Smith, to the Presbytery of Geneva, April 10th;

Rev. Carlos H. Stone, to the Presbytery of Denver, June 5th;

Rev. J. Warner Fobes, to the Presbytery of Puget Sound, September 18th.

Licentiate Charles P. Luce was dismissed to the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, June 5th, 1883.

XXVII. The Presbytery of Troy reports that it consists of fifty-nine ministers and forty-three churches, and has under its care one licentiate and eight candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received:

Rev. Oliver Hemstreet, from the Presbytery of Albany, October 18th, 1882;

Rev. John J. Munro, from the Presbytery of Mankato, and Rev. Giles P. Hawley, from the Presbytery of Albany, February 20th, 1883;

Rev. Charles P. Evans, from the Classis of Saratoga, June 19th;

Rev. Henry W. Teller, from the Presbytery of Elizabeth, July 16th.

Charles Townsend was received as a licentiate from the Presbytery of Buffalo, June 19th, 1883.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

Between Rev. William Bryant and the Church of Argyle, May 1st, 1883;

Between Rev. George N. Webber and the First Church of Troy, September 27th.

Licentiate Charles Townsend was ordained July 2d, 1883.

Installations:

Rev. Oliver Hemstreet, over the Churches of Pittstown and Johnsonville, October 23d, 1882;

Rev. Giles P. Hawley, over the Church of Mechanicville, March 7th, 1883;

Rev. Charles Townsend, over the First Church of Lansingburgh, July 2d;

Rev. Henry W. Teller, over the Church of Cambridge, July 16th.

Ministers dismissed:

Rev. William Bryant, to the Presbytery of Waterloo, May 1st, 1883;

Rev. Robert G. Williams, to the Hampshire Congregational Association, June 19th;

Rev. Henry G. Blinn, to the Hudson River Congregational Association, July 2d.

The Church of Melrose was formed, with twenty-eight members, January 10th, 1883.

XXVIII. The Presbytery of Utica reports that it consists of fifty-six ministers and forty churches, and has under its care four licentiates and six candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received;

Rev. Dwight Scovel, from the Presbytery of Niagara, April 9th, 1883;

Rev. Henry M. Dodd, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, September 11th.

Licentiate William C. Taylor was received from the Presbytery of Albany, August 7th, 1883.

Theodore H. Allen was licensed to preach the gospel, April 11th, 1883.

John Smith was received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, September 11th, 1883.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

Between Rev. George Craig and the Church at Westernville, October 19th, 1882;
Between Rev. Edwin F. Robb and the Church at Boonville, October 8th, 1883.

Licentiate William C, Taylor was ordained and installed pastor of the Church at Verona, August 7th, 1883.

Ministers dismissed:

Rev. George Craig, to the Presbytery of Rochester, August 19th, 1882;
Rev. Chauncey P. Taylor, to the Presbytery of Emporia, April 9th, 1883;
Rev. Charles B. Austin, to the Presbytery of Red River, October 8th.

Licentiate Orson L. White was transferred to the care of the Presbytery of Niagara, August 7th, 1883, and licentiate Charles D. Barrows, to the care of the Presbytery of Buffalo, October 8th.

XXIX. The Presbytery of Westchester reports that it consists of fifty-six ministers and thirty-nine churches, and has under its care four licentiates and five candidates.

Ministers received:

January 16th, 1883, Rev. William B. Waller, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;
April 17th, Rev. Ira S. Dodd, from the Presbytery of Mankato, and Rev. Isaac S. Davison, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
October 3d, Rev. Homer S. Newcomb, from the Presbytery of Lehigh.

Licensed:

April 18th, 1883, Matoon M. Curtis, and John Montgomery.

October 3d, 1883, Rollin A. Sawyer, Jr., and William J. Millar were received as candidates for the ministry.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

January 16th, 1883, between Rev. Willard Scott and the Church at West Farms;
October 3d, between Rev. James W. Johnston and the Church at Mount Kisco.

Installations:

January 30th, 1883, Rev. William B. Waller, over the Church at New Rochelle;
June 12th, 1883, Rev. Ira S. Dodd, over the Church at Riverdale.

Ministers dismissed:

November 20th, 1882, Rev. George M. McCampbell to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
January 16th, 1883, Rev. Thomas S. Childs, to the Presbytery of Washington City, Rev. Revilo J. Cone, to the Presbytery of New York, and Rev. Willard Scott to the Congregational Association of Omaha;
February 20th, Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey, to the Presbytery of Chemung;
October 2d, Rev. William Huntting, to the Presbytery of Long Island;
October 3d, Rev. James W. Johnston to the Presbytery of Albany.

Licentiates dismissed:

April 18th, 1883, Joseph F. Flindt, to the care of the Presbytery of Champlain, and Matoon M. Curtis to the care of the Classis of Westchester.

Rev. Daniel D. Sahler departed this life, November 11th, 1882;
Rev. Daniel W. Lathrop departed this life, March 27th, 1883.

SUMMARY.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	LICENTIATES.	CANDIDATES.
Albany,	53	47	1	6
Binghamton,	26	29	4	3
Boston,	36	18	0	4
Brooklyn,	47	21	2	5
Buffalo,	43	33	1	4
Cayuga,	28	22	11	16
Champlain,	19	17	0	0
Chemung,	27	23	0	4
Columbia,	15	20	1	1
Genesee,	24	23	0	0
Genesee Valley,	12	15	0	0
Geneva,	35	21	2	3
Hudson,	43	44	0	3
Long Island,	22	22	0	3
Lyons,	16	18	0	3
Nassau,	24	23	0	0
New-York,	126	38	22	8
Niagara,	23	18	1	1
North River,	45	32	1	1
Oroomiah,*	13	00	0	20
Otsego,	26	26	1	0
Rochester,	67	42	2	6
St. Lawrence,	26	30	3	1
Siam,*	7	8	4	2
Steuben,	24	20	0	1
Syracuse,	33	35	0	1
Troy,	59	43	1	8
Utica,	56	40	4	6
Westchester,	56	39	4	5
Total,	1,031	767	65	115

*According to the Minutes of the General Assembly, 1883.

III. ELMIRA COLLEGE.

1. Board of Examiners of Elmira College.

Term Expiring in 1884.

Rev. Charles C. Hemenway, Rev. Stanley D. Jewell,
Rev. D. Henry Palmer.

Term Expiring in 1885.

Rev. James M. Platt, Rev. J. Jermain Porter,
Rev. Samuel Dunham.

Term Expiring in 1886.

Rev. Charles C. Carr, Rev. Franklin S. Howe,
Rev. George D. Meigs.

2. Statement of the Board of Trustees, July 1st, 1883.

I. ASSETS.

Estimated Value of Grounds and Buildings,	$150,000.00
President's House and Grounds,	8,000.00
Two City Lots,	1,500.00
Furniture of College,	10,000.00
Library,	4,000.00
Collections and Apparatus,	4,000.00
Musical Instruments,	7,000.00
Total,	$184,500.00

Invested Assets:		
State Endowment,	$50,000.00	
"Benjamin" Aid Fund,	23,500.00	
Street Railway Bonds,	4,000.00	
Memorial Fund,	1,000.00	
Interest on "Benjamin" Endowment Fund,	17,650.00	$96,150.00
Grand Total,		$280,650.00

II. LIABILITIES.

Bond and Mortgage to Pratt Estate,	$25,000.00
College Bonds held by the Endowment Fund,	9,500.00
Floating Debt, less items applicable thereto,	20,994.81
Total,	$55,494.81

III. EXPENDITURES.

Ordinary:		
Actually paid,	$32,037.71	
Incurred and not paid,	5,329.31	$37,367.02

IV. REVENUE.

Board and Tuition Fees, collected and collectible,	$29,441.88	
Interest on Investments,	5,693.99	$35,135.87
Deficiency for the year,		$2,231.15

[Note.—This balance includes $1000 set aside and invested in Bond and Mortgage as required by the Endowment Fund.]

NEWTON P. FASSETT,

Secretary and Treasurer.

3. Board of Trustees of Elmira College.

Term Expiring in 1884.

Rev. Augustus W. Cowles,
Rev. George C. Curtis,
Rev. William Hogarth,
Rev. John B. Thompson, [Reformed],
Rev. James M. Platt,
Daniel W. McWilliams,
Rev. Isaac Jennings, Jr.

Term Expiring in 1885.

John T. Rathbun,
John I. Nicks, [Methodist],
Newton P. Fassett, [Baptist],
Rev. Henry A. Nelson,
Rev. Wilson Phraner,
Seymour Dexter, [Congregational].

Term Expiring in 1886.

Alexander S. Diven,
Daniel R. Pratt,
Francis Hall,
Rev. Benjamin M. Goldsmith,
Jackson Richardson, [Episcopal],
H. Boardman Smith.

IV. PERMANENT OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

1. Albany: *Stated Clerk*, Rev. James N. Crocker, Saratoga Springs.
Treasurer, Archibald McClure, Albany.
2. Binghamton: *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Isaac G. Ogden, Nineveh.
Treasurer, Rev. Samuel Dunham, Binghamton.
3. Boston: *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Rev. Robert Court, Lowell, Mass.
4. Brooklyn: *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Lewis R. Foote, Brooklyn.
Treasurer, John Aikman, Brooklyn.
5. Buffalo: *Stated Clerk*, Rev. William Waith, Lancaster.
Treasurer, Stephen M. Clement, Buffalo.
6. Cayuga: *Stated Clerk*, Rev. George B. Stewart, Auburn.
Treasurer, Rev. Wallace B. Lucas, Meridian.
7. Champlain: *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Rev. Peter J. H. Myers, Chazy.
8. Chemung: *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Rev. Charles C. Carr, Horse Heads.
9. Columbia: *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Rev. George O. Phelps, Valatie.
10. Genesee: *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Joseph E. Nassau, Warsaw.
Treasurer, Rev. John Wickes, Attica.
11. Genesee Valley: *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Rev. Dwight K. Steele, Almond.
12. Geneva: *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Benjamin M. Goldsmith, Bellona.
Treasurer, Rev. Samuel H Gridley, Waterloo.
13. Hudson: *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Henry A. Harlow, Livingston Manor.
Treasurer, Rev. Charles Beattie, Middletown.
14. Long Island: *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Epher Whitaker, Southold.
Treasurer, Rev. William H. Littell, Setauket.
15. Lyons: *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Henry M. Clark [Elder], East Palmyra.
16. Nassau: *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Alexander G. Russell, Oyster Bay.
Treasurer, William B. Robinson, Glencove.

17. NEW-YORK: *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Samuel D. Alexander, New-York City.
Treasurer, Anson D. F. Randolph, New-York City.

18. NIAGARA: *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Rev. Edward P. Marvin, Lockport.

19. NORTH RIVER: *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Fenwick T. Williams, Poughkeepsie.
Treasurer, M. C. Belknap, Newburgh.

20. OROOMIAH: *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Samuel G. Wilson, Tabreez.

21. OTSEGO: *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Rev. Horace H. Allen, Oneonta.

22. ROCHESTER: *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Levi Parsons, Mt. Morris.
Treasurer, David Cory, Rochester.

23. ST. LAWRENCE: *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Rev. James Gardner, Canton.

24. SIAM: *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Samuel G. McFarland, Bankok.

25. STEUBEN: *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Rev. James M. Platt, Bath.

26. SYRACUSE: *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Rev. Alfred H. Fahnestock, Syracuse.

27. TROY: *Stated Clerk*, Rev. William Irvin, Troy.
Treasurer, D. H. Humphrey, Lansingburgh.

28. UTICA: *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Dana W. Bigelow, Utica.
Treasurer, Timothy Parker, Utica.

29. WESTCHESTER: *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Rev. Carson W. Adams, New-York City.